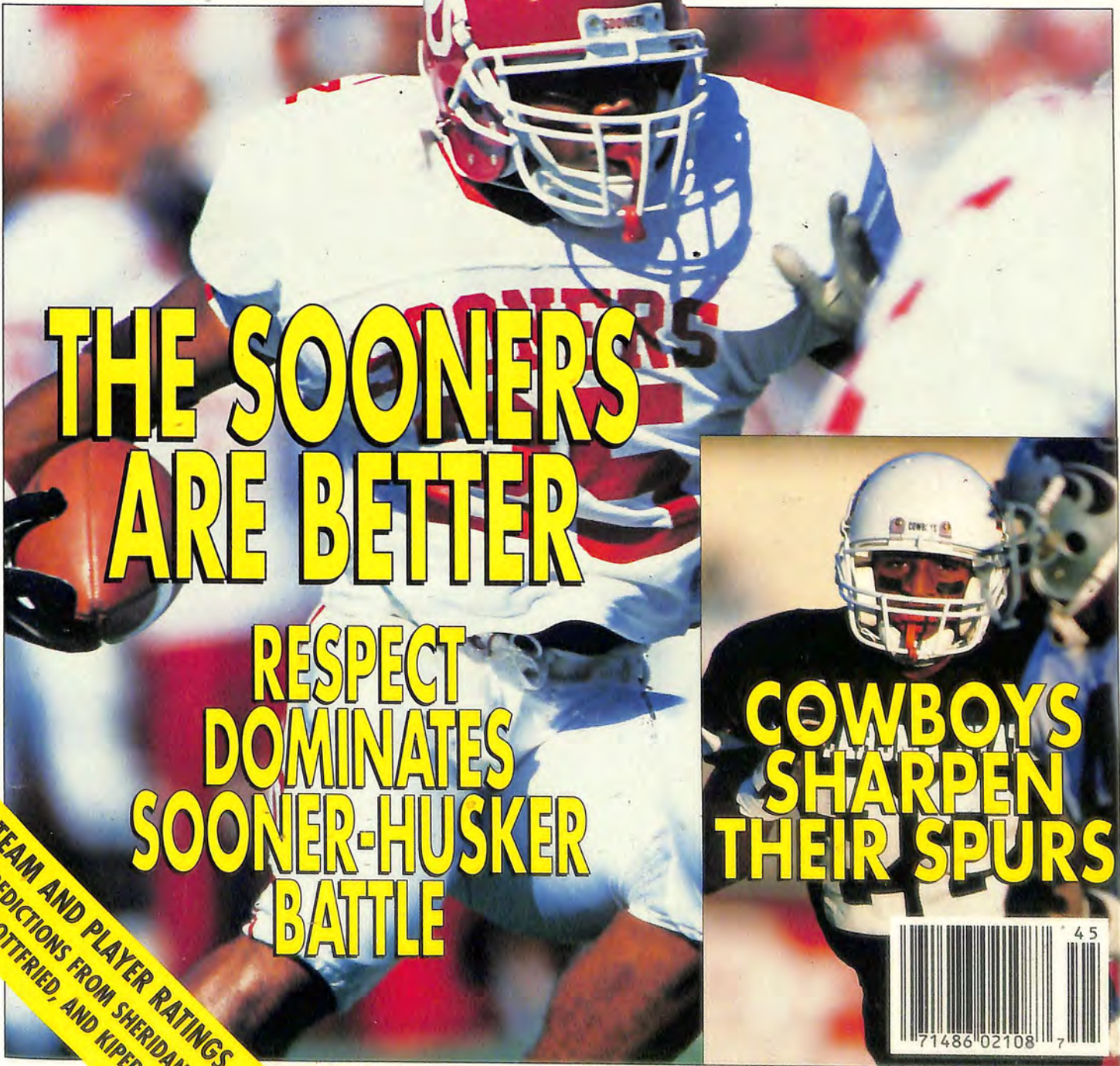


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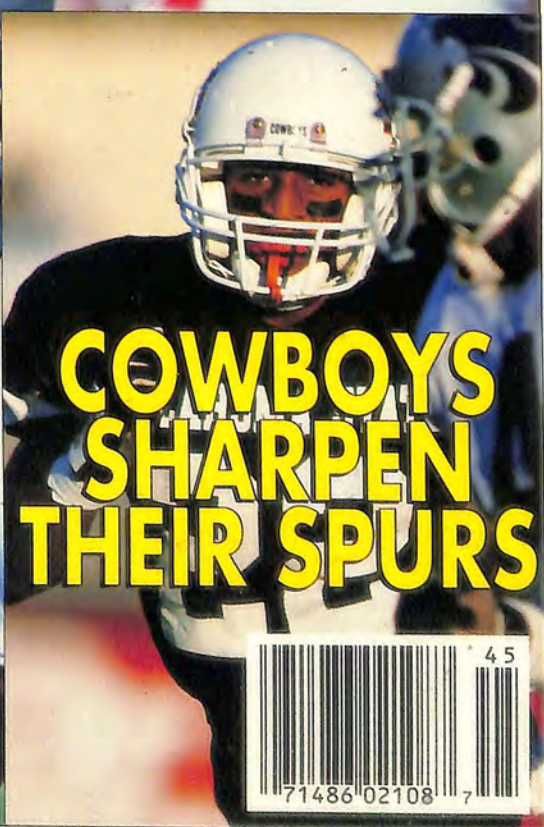
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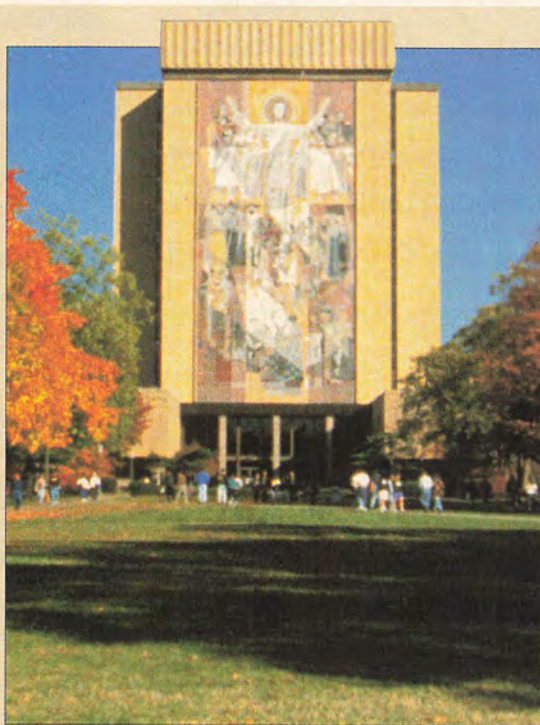
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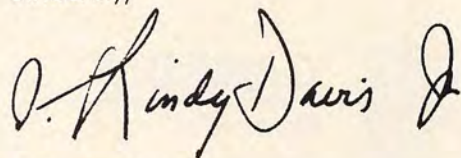
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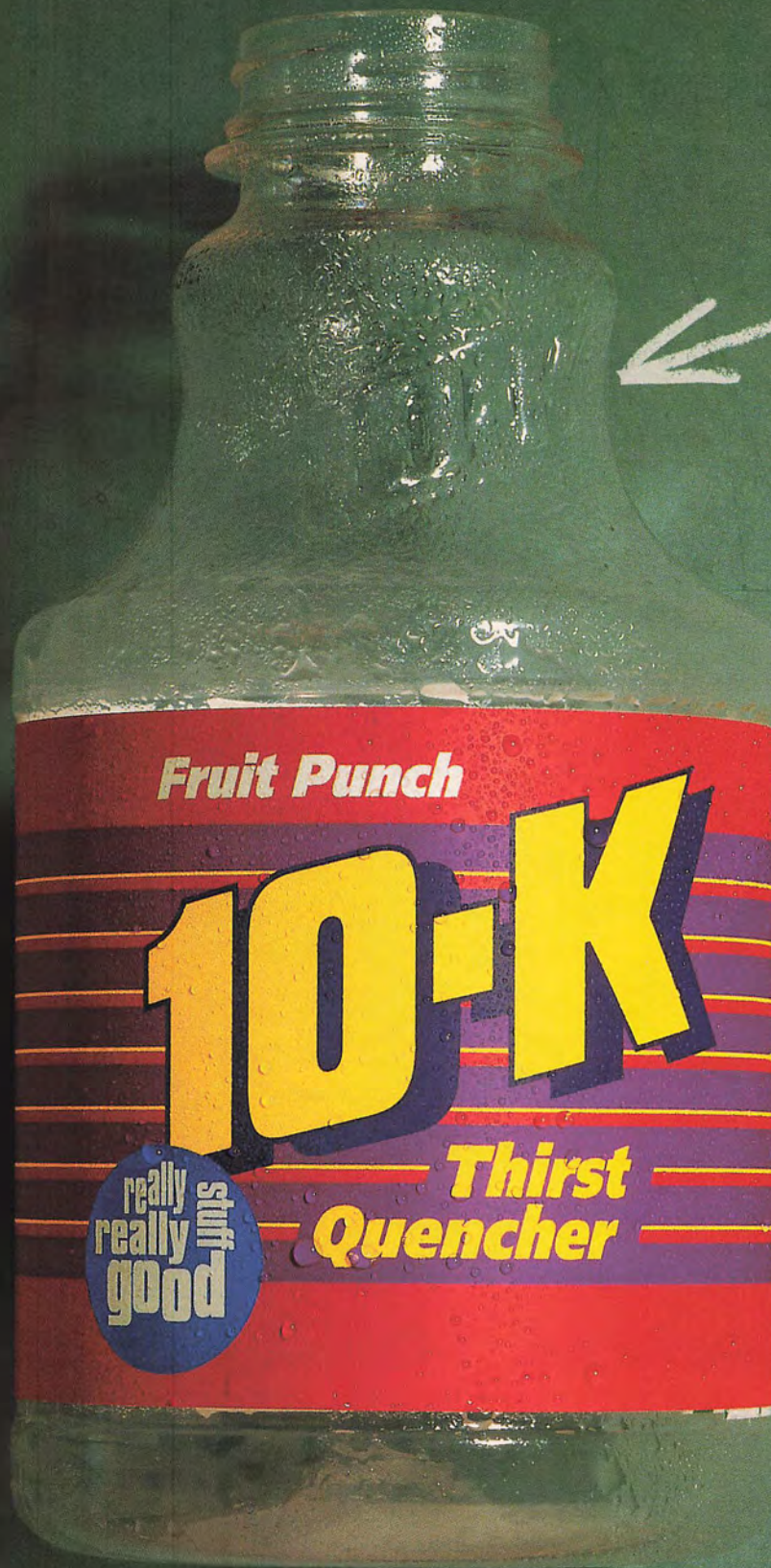
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Football Under the Golden Dome



Where Coaches are Just Custodians

By Jeff Gordon

It always amazes Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz when one of those preseason polls puts his rebuilding Irish at or near the top.

A spring football writers' poll rated them No. 2, despite the loss of six starters on each side of the ball and four assistant coaches.

"They picked us second in the preseason last year," Holtz said. "They have as much business picking us No. 2 this year as they did last year."

But hey, Notre Dame is Notre Dame. The school isn't merely at the top of college football, it is college football. The Irish usually deliver, as they showed last season while finishing a close second to Florida State.

They will always be near the top of somebody's preseason poll.

"It says a lot about Notre Dame," Holtz said. "When I really realized how big Notre Dame football really was came after I watched that doggone place-kick 6,000 times since the Boston College game."

That kick, of course, was David Gordon's game-winning field goal that upset the Irish at Notre Dame Stadium and ultimately denied them another national title. They will have to try a little harder this season.

"You sort of feel an obligation to make sure Notre Dame is one of the better schools, not only on the field but with the conduct of the athletes and their academics," Holtz said.

"It's a very, very special thing to be a part of Notre Dame."

It's not just a college football team, it's a big part of the American sports culture.

THE HISTORY ♦♦♦♦♦

When exploring the Irish mystique, where do you start? The 18 bowl games since the Irish started attending them in 1970? The 11 national titles? The seven Heisman Trophies won by Irish players? Legendary coaches like Knute Rockne, Frank Leahy, Ara Parseghian, Dan Devine, and, yes, Holtz?

The Four Horsemen?

George Gipp?

Rudy?

"There is a special feeling about Notre Dame," Holtz once said. "It's like feeling God."

Devine had a different sensation when he came aboard. "It was like you suddenly found yourself in King Arthur's chair and found out those people really lived," he said.

Parseghian was blown away by his first day. "I remember driving down Notre Dame Avenue, toward the Golden Dome, when I first came in and it hit me that I was the head coach now," he said. "Chills went up my back. I went to a basketball game where I was introduced to the students and I was cheered for 15 minutes. There was a pep rally in January and about 3,000 people showed up. The spirit was just amazing. I felt it immediately."

It's only appropriate that the College Football Hall of Fame move to South Bend. The Notre Dame campus is a shrine, with Touchdown Jesus and the Golden Dome. The Hall will only add depth to the scenery.

ESPN commentator Lee Corso, a former college coach, said Notre Dame has no peer in the football community. "When they have an experienced head coach in there, their football is the best," he said. "No one's better. Notre Dame is the epitome of college football."

THE POPULARITY ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Even under poor Gerry Faust, Notre Dame football was huge. From coast-to-coast, the "subway alumni" gave the program a tremendous national fan base. But since Holtz began rebuilding the Irish in 1986, the popularity has soared to new heights.

After going 5-6 in his first season, Holtz has rung up 8-4, 12-0, 12-1, 9-3, 10-3, 10-1-1, and 11-1 records and has gone 5-2 in bowl games. His 1988 national title brought the program all the way back.

Larry Michael, sports director at the Mutual Radio Network, quantified the enthusiasm Holtz restored. "We have 325 stations carrying Notre Dame," Michael said. "There is no other college coach that has his own national call-in show."

In Faust's disappointing 30-28-1 tenure, Michael said, "The number of stations dropped down below 200, it was down to about 175. As the program got stronger, it picked back up. What we have now is more than 300 quality stations."

"When you think of college football, you think of Notre Dame. It's the only one of its kind. There is nothing else like it."

Indeed, NBC-TV struck a five-year deal with Notre Dame (starting in 1991) to televise Irish home games. Obviously, this was the first time in modern college history that an individual school signed its own network deal. Before college football telecasts were deregulated — creating noon to midnight coverage — four of the five highest-rated college football games of all time involved the Irish.

"If Notre Dame didn't exist," sports commentator Beano Cook once observed, "the NCAA's television contract would be worth millions less."

Notre Dame Stadium holds only 59,075 fans, so it is woefully inadequate to meet ticket demand. Expansion plans have been kicked around since 1991, but unless the stadium was doubled in size the public won't be satisfied.

"It's amazing to see how important it is that people get tickets," said Bill Scholl, the school's director of ticketing and marketing.

Because of ticket demand, the school won't sell new season-ticket packages. Those who have had season tickets get to renew them as long as they are still alive.

No matter how many starters Notre Dame loses, the Irish always seem to have plenty of seasoned players. Under Holtz, the Irish develop depth while preparing their starting lineup for games. Their talent base never seems to get wobbly.

"When they die, they will transfer back to the school," he said. "The only person you can transfer a ticket to is a surviving spouse."

Occasionally Scholl gets a letter informing him of the death of a ticket holder. Then he will get an address change notice allegedly from that same ticket holder.

"We get letters from dead people all the time," he said.

Season tickets returned go into a lottery pool for contributors to the school. On game days, thousands of non-ticket holders will gather outside the stadium, sniff for tickets, and then tailgate if they can't get them.

"At Gate 14, hundreds of people line up, almost to halftime, hoping that tickets get turned in by the visiting team or whatever," Scholl said.

For the epic victory over Florida State, a mob of 20,000 gathered outside the stadium.

Fans went into the Athletic and Convocation Center to watch it on a big screen. Across the nation the game drew the highest rating since deregulation.

"Wherever we go in the country, we have supporters," former Irish linebacker Ned Bolcar once observed. "I think it's the people who are so special, who make up the Notre Dame family, who causes there to be a mystique. It's not the buildings, it's not the Golden Dome or any of that stuff."

CONSTANT RENEWAL ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

The Irish lose 14 starters off last season's team, yet a spring football writer's poll placed them second in the nation. Why? Because the top players keep rolling in.

A recruiting visit to Notre Dame can mesmerize most teenage athletes. Prep quarterback star Ryan Clement of Denver expressed his awe of the Irish tradition in a recruiting diary he penned for the Rocky Mountain News. He described game day:

"The school lives and dies for the football team. Football is a religious experience there. Game day was incredible. It was hard to believe the people I saw — Spike Lee, Roger Clemens, John Kruk, and Paul Hornung were among them."

Alas, Clement chose not to sign with the Irish because phenom Ron Powlus was already there. Powlus lost his freshman season to a pair of broken shoulders. As a sophomore, great things will be expected of him.

He stands 6-4, he weighs a solid 210 pounds, and he led his high school team in Berwick, Pa., to a 15-0 record by throwing 35 touchdown passes. While participating in drills as a freshman, he impressed his new teammates with his maturity and ability to pick up the Irish offense.

Also, it appears he has Joe Montana skills. Had he not been injured last season, he may have started as a freshman.

"He's not fast or quick," Holtz said. "It's just that he does everything well."

The rich keep getting richer.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

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"During the course of the week, an average practice, Coach Holtz strives for perfection in everything we do," said ex-Irish flanker Lake Dawson. "He always talks about what is important, doing all the little things the right way."

"College doesn't demand quite as much as the NFL does, but I'm sure that going to Notre Dame and being coached under Lou Holtz is

going to help me and probably has helped a lot of other athletes that have gone through."

Holtz hopes that is the case. "Our athletes, besides having ability and intelligence, will really have a very good work ethic," he said.

Most Irish players develop plenty of patience as well.

"At Notre Dame, there's quite a bit of talent and you kind of have to wait in line," Dawson said. "I think Reggie Brooks is an example of that. You have a guy that's playing defensive back my freshman year and then all of sudden going into his senior year, he rushes very well — he was ranked nationally — and now he did an excellent job his first year in the NFL."

Competition breeds excellence for the Irish. Holtz allocates his playing time with great care.

"Todd Lyght, Tom Carter, Reggie Brooks, Jerome Bettis — I go against these people each and every day for months," Dawson said. "So as far as working against top-quality athletes, I've had that opportunity."

Corso lauded Holtz's ability to get the most out of his players. "You look at Notre Dame and study them and you see they sometimes don't get the greatest athletes in America, in terms of pure athleticism, speed, and agility," he said.

But good results, under Holtz, have been consistent. "He does it the right way," Corso said. "Wherever he's been, he's had the ability to keep things in their proper perspective. If you're successful but you don't do it the right way, you only hurt your football program."

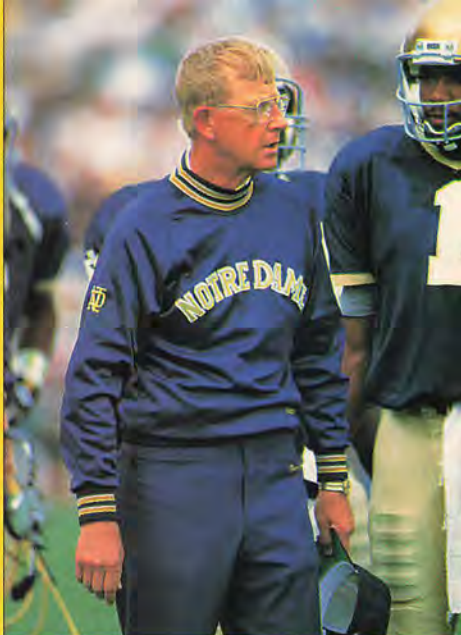
CRADLE OF COACHES ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Because of all this success, fledgling programs routinely comb the Irish coaching staff to find new head coaches. Offensive coordinator Skip Holtz went to Connecticut over the winter and defensive coordinator Rick Minter was lured by Cincinnati.

In earlier seasons, Barry Alvarez (Wisconsin), Ron Cooper (Eastern Michigan), Peter Vaas (Holy Cross), Pete Cordelli (Kent), Jim Strong (UNLV), and John Palermo (Austin Peay) have left the Irish for head jobs. Numerous others have gone to National Football League teams as assistant coaches.

"People say we can't keep coaches," Lou Holtz said. "That's not true. We have an obligation if a guy does a good job for us to help him advance. We lose them to the pros, where the salary scales are much higher. There are some schools that never lose assistant coaches because they never allow other schools to talk to them."

Why do athletic directors keep knocking at the Irish door?



COMPETITION BREEDS EXCELLENCE FOR THE IRISH. HOLTZ ALLOCATES HIS PLAYING TIME WITH GREAT CARE.

PHOTO BY JONATHAN DANIEL / ALLSPORT

"It's the pinnacle," Skip Holtz said. "It's Notre Dame. It's the top. Working at Notre Dame is different than working anywhere else. That's where people go to find coaches. They know what it takes to run a big-time football program. They know how to do things in a big-time way, and do them right."

Assistant coaches can wait decades to get their shot at a head coaching job. But that hasn't been the case with Irish assistants.

"You kind of get spoiled," Skip Holtz said. "You think head coaching jobs are easy to get. Every year, it seems like guys are going. One or two guys a year are able to get a head job."

The challenge of head coaching is compelling, but it's tough to say good-bye to the Golden Dome.

"The hardest thing I've ever done was leave Notre Dame," Skip Holtz said. "But head coaching jobs don't come around every year. You're not always going to have that opportunity. Connecticut is not Notre Dame, but at the same time we get a chance to build a program based on the same intrinsic values."

"Notre Dame is a special place. It's a different place. I don't honestly think there is another school in the country like it."

Because of that, Lou Holtz doesn't have trouble attracting quality replacements. And the turnover brings fresh ideas.

"We like to think we improve our program with each new coach who comes in," he said. "The players coming in, they should expect the best coaching and the best teaching in the country."

FLIP SIDE OF SUCCESS ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Naturally, a program as huge and prosperous as Notre Dame becomes an easy target for critics.

Dan Yaeger co-authored a highly negative book, *Under the Tarnished Dome: How Notre*

Dame Betrayed Ideals For Football Glory. That book, plus subsequent newspaper stories, found a fair number of jaded ex-Irish players and recruits and told their stories.

There were allegations that Holtz winked at illicit bodybuilding. "He made a clear priority on strength, letting players know it was OK if steroids were abused," Yaeger said.

Holtz was also accused of turning his back on injured players and trying to run them off. "He didn't give a whit about his players off the field," Yaeger said.

After Scott Bentley signed to play at Florida State instead of Notre Dame, he claimed Holtz berated him and chastised him for disappointing his father.

"It made me cry, it made Scott cry," Bob Bentley said. "I'm not going to forgive him. Scott has to live with that the rest of his life. For him to say Scott let me down because of my closeness to Notre Dame is a despicable tactic."

Ex-Irishman Chet Lecheta claimed Holtz spit on him and blasted those who suggested critics were fabricating stories. "It's not like we've been calling each other," he said. "Think about it. It would take an unbelievable amount of planning to concoct something like this."

But Holtz defused the controversy within a few weeks by simply refusing to discuss the book or negative articles publicly. Earlier, he had made his feelings on criticism clear.

"Notre Dame is judged by different standards than other schools by the media and the public," Holtz said. "I didn't realize it, but I wouldn't want it any other way. There is a higher standard for Notre Dame and we should take that as a compliment."

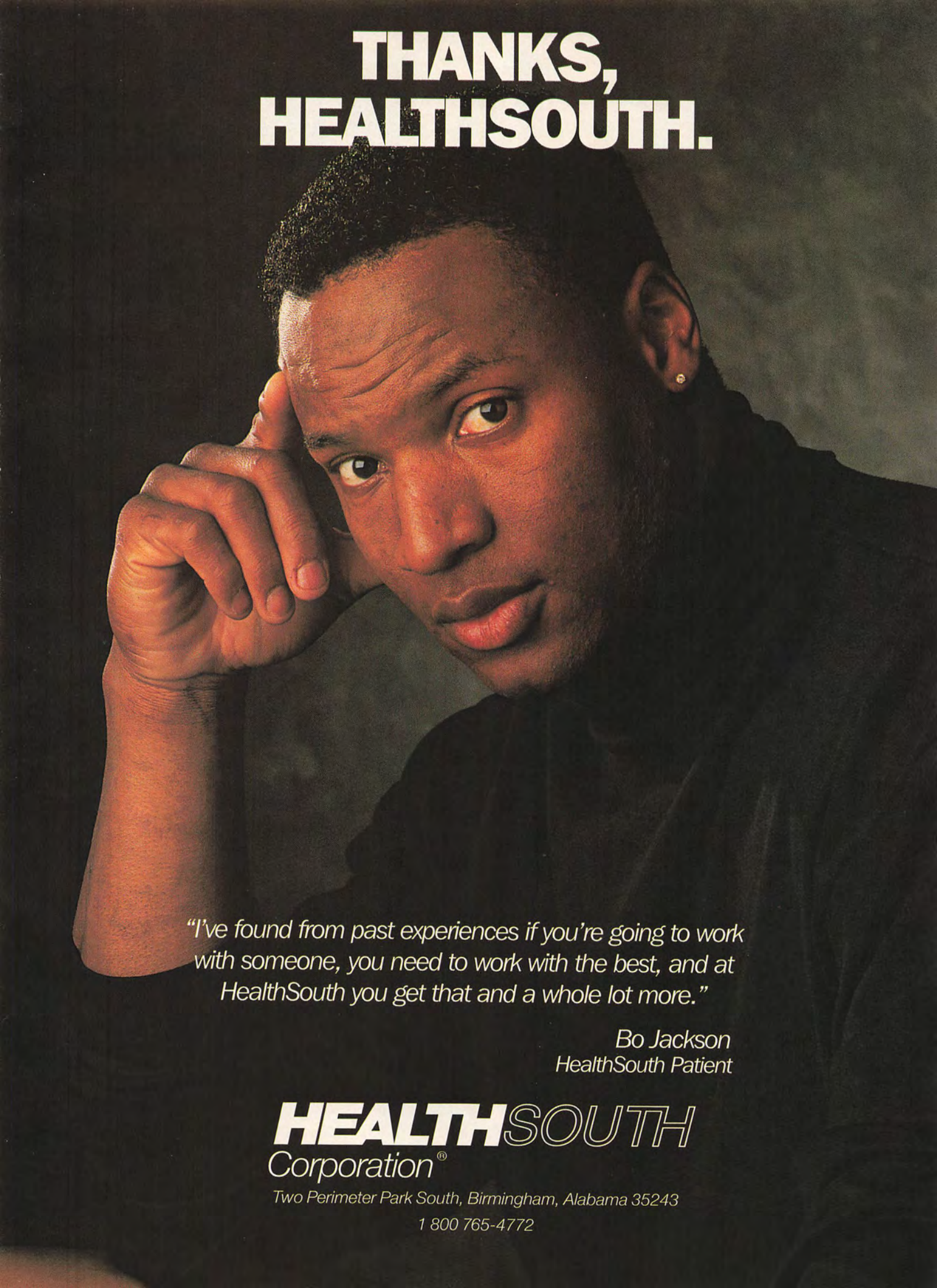
THE FUTURE ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Holtz takes his Notre Dame tenure one year at a time. He chuckled when reminded how the interest an NFL expansion team showed in him over the winter caused quite a ruckus back in South Bend.

"I try to look at the situation each and every year," he said. "If I ever left Notre Dame, I have several relatives who would disown me. You have to look at your health and if you have the enthusiasm to run it the right way, and I still do. I feel very comfortable at Notre Dame. I wouldn't stay here coaching if I didn't."

Though Holtz brought Notre Dame back to its accustomed glory, he always notes how the institution is far greater than its coach.

"Every other program I've been in, the coach feels like it's his team," he said. "At Notre Dame, you don't feel that way. You're the custodian. You're just taking care of it." □



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By John Hadley

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THE GATORS CONTINUE FLORIDA DOMINANCE.



The Gators have the necessary ingredients to provide the state of Florida with a national championship trifecta. That's right, Miami accomplished the feat four times in the last 11 years, Florida State captured the national title last season. This year, *Lindy's* projects the Gators as the best of the Sunshine State, which nowadays equates into the nation's best. Coach Steve Spurrier is quietly confident in regards to his teams chances to climb to the top of the mountain in '94. Spurrier has an offensive backfield laced with speed and talent. Despite the loss of Errict Rhett, Spurrier boasts a handful of gifted runners. The receiving corps could rank with recent Gator editions which prove virtually impossible to defend. The offensive and defensive lines lost key personnel, however have ample skilled reserve. The key to success will be defensive improvement. The coaching staff devoted much of the off-season making perceived changes to best fit the secured personnel. Visits to Knoxville early and Tallahassee late will dictate if the Gators are merely playing for the Southeastern Conference championship in December or playing for all the marbles. Keep in mind, away from Florida Field, Spurrier's teams have too often played mediocre and disappointing football.



2. NOTRE DAME

THE FIGHTING IRISH EYE NATIONAL CROWN.



The Fighting Irish form the lone unit outside the state of Florida afforded an annual top five slot. Coach Lou Holtz and Co. are in a rebuilding mode, having lost starters in the double digits, however have the feature players to compete with the "big boys." Quarterback

Ron Powlus, who missed last season because of various injuries, is the most heralded passing prospect to come down the pike since John Elway or Dan Marino. Holtz has spewed forth praise in Powlus' direction, publicly and privately. Insiders believe he'll prove the school's finest signal-caller since Joe Montana. That's right, better than Rick Mirer and Tony Rice. The offensive supporting cast is deep with talented, upcoming linemen, a plethora of talented receivers, and an awesome array of running backs. In fact, running back Lee Becton might be the nation's most underappreciated talent. Defensive back Bobby Taylor is a "difference maker." He has the size, strength, and speed to play on Sundays in the near future. The team's most important addition is Bob Davie, the best defensive coordinator since Barry Alvarez in 1989. Davie's defense always ranked with the finest at Texas A&M. The schedule is conducive for success as well. A showdown with Florida State in Orlando, Fla., will decide the fate of the Fighting Irish. Oh, that's right, there is a trip to Massachusetts to contest Boston College; that could prove interesting as well.

3. FLORIDA STATE

THE SEMINOLES HAVE THE TALENT TO REPEAT.



Coach Bobby Bowden finally captured the national championship. He can now remove that monstrous albatross that hung around his neck. Yes, Florida State can win the big game. Now the question remains, can he take the program to the next level? Can the Seminoles

become the Miami Hurricanes of the next decade? The Seminoles return an impressive stable of skilled position athletes on both sides of the ball. The key will be the play of the trenchmen. The 'Noles are blessed with numerous top prospects in line to fill the holes. Defensive end Derrick Alexander might be the nation's best lineman, and linebacker Derrick Brooks is awesome. In fact, if the upcoming talent meshes quickly with the seasoned veterans, the offensive and defensive lines could prove dominant. Last season, the key question was can a team beat Miami and Notre Dame in the same season? The 'Noles proved that question was mute after capturing the crown despite a loss in South Bend. This year the key question is can the 'Noles survive the aforementioned battles in order to beat the best University of Florida team assembled during the last decade? The play of quarterback Danny Kanell, who replaces Charlie Ward, will provide the start.

4. NEBRASKA

TOMMIE FRAZIER ... ENOUGH SAID!



Wow, what a performance registered by the Cornhuskers in the Orange Bowl. For the first time during the '90s, this unit played up to its potential. In fact, the '93 'Huskers overachieved. The returning cast has the poten-

tial to continue the program's mission of returning to the elite. Quarterback Tommie Frazier will rank among the leaders for the Heisman Trophy. He is as tough, rugged, and determined a player as Dick Butkus. He is as graceful and evasive a player as Gale Sayers. He is as fierce and respected a leader as Joe Montana. He is why the Cornhuskers are back. Here is a scary thought, he nearly attended Notre Dame. Running backs Damon Benning and Lawrence Phillips, along with an awesome offensive line, will alleviate the pressure on Frazier. The progress defensively will decide the overall fate of the 'Huskers in '94.

5. MIAMI

THIS TEAM WANTS REDEMPTION ... THIS YEAR.



Coach Dennis Erickson was so appalled by the Hurricanes performance in the Fiesta Bowl last January, reports had him contemplating stepping aside. Fact is, it simply enhanced his competitive nature and upped his demands of the Hurricanes. The coaching staff ruled spring drills with an iron-hand. The Hurricanes responded, registering an impressive spring workout session. Quarterback Frank Costa was awarded starting honors after displaying better field vision during spring practice. He seems to have a better grasp of the offensive scheme, which bodes well for the future considering his athleticism and arm strength. Backup Ryan Collins waits in the wings after recording a few impressive performances last season. The 'Canes will focus more on the running game this season. The 'Canes stable of runners, led by James Stewart, is comparable with the best. Stewart possesses the dangerous combination of agility and strength. Defensively, tackle Warren Sapp is drawing comparisons to the late Jerome Brown. He is a dominating force capable of controlling the line of scrimmage. The 'Canes host Florida State this season. The schedule is tailor-made for success. That means the Hurricanes could blow through the world of college football, again, in '94.

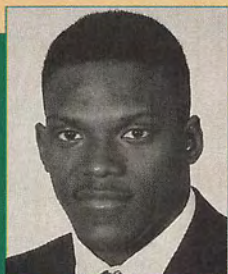
6. MICHIGAN

THE MORE THINGS CHANGE, THE MORE THEY STAY THE SAME.



Yes, that's right, the Wolverines are again in the preseason Top Ten. It seems this group might be the most respected, but least productive casts in all of sports. Annually, word is: This is the season. Well, what's that term? Is it deja' vu? The Wolverines have a battle-tested quarterback with great natural skills, a bevy of talented running backs and receivers, huge linemen gracing both sides of the line, and awesome athleticism in the secondary and throughout the linebacking corps. That should assure a legitimate run at the national championship ... right? Wrong. Combine past history and a tough schedule and rest assured we prognosticators will again look foolish for forecasting such a lofty spot in the Top 25. Fact is, this team lacks the knowledge of how to win. Is it coaching? Is it overrated talent? Is it bad karma? Who knows? Michigan opens against Boston College, goes to Notre Dame the following week, and hosts Colorado two weeks after that. Running back Tyrone Wheatley will make or break himself in the race for the Heisman Trophy in September. The only known fact is Michigan should be playing for the national crown on New Year's Day, and never does.

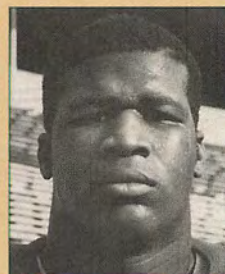
LINDY'S 1994 ALL-AMERICAN OFFENSE



TYRONE WHEATLEY
Michigan
Running Back
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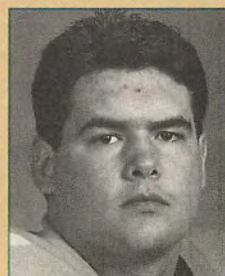
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**PRESEASON OFFENSIVE PLAYER
OF THE YEAR**
Georgia
Quarterback
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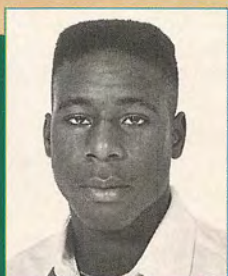
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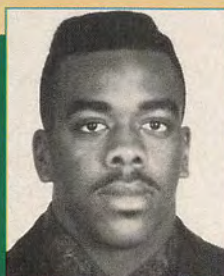
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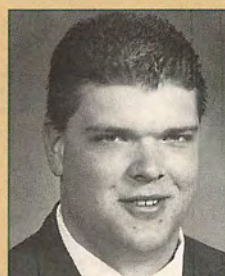
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Tennessee
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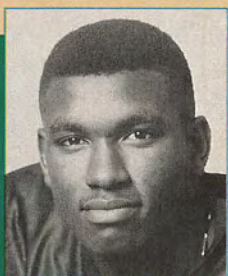
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UCLA
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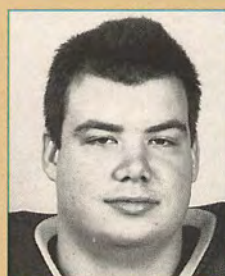
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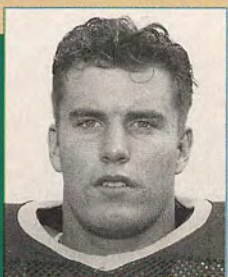
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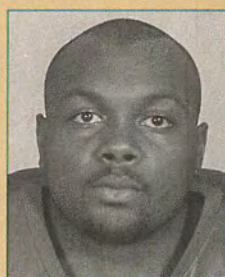
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PETE MITCHELL
Boston College
Tight End
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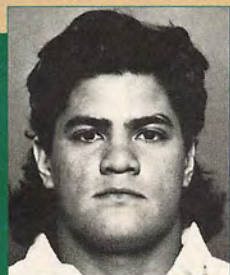


BJORN MERTEN
UCLA
Kicker
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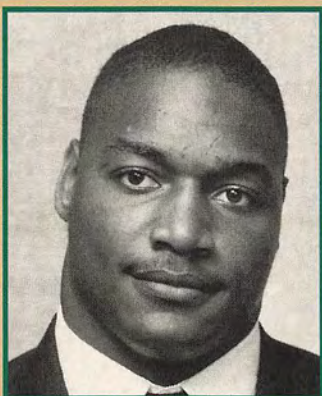


STEVE INGRAM
Maryland
Offensive Tackle
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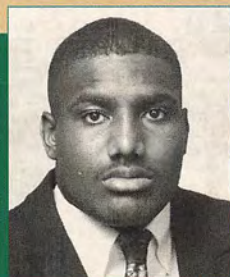
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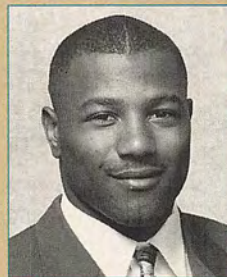
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Florida State
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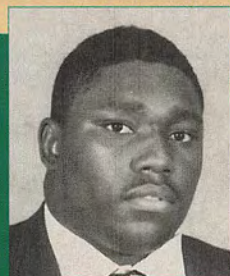
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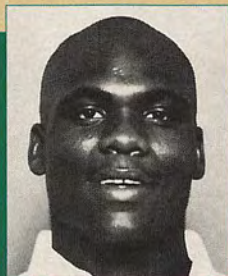
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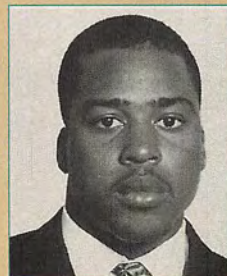
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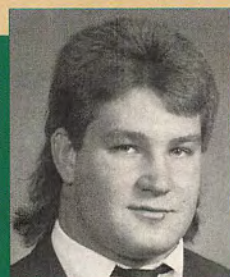
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Miami
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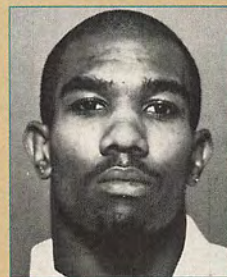
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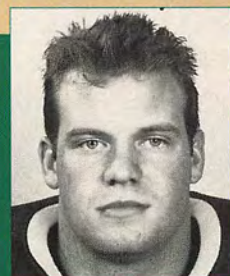
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Colorado
Defensive Back
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MIKE THOMPSON
Wisconsin
Defensive Tackle
6-4, 270



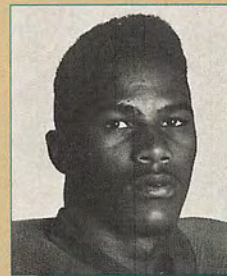
BRANDON SANDERS
Arizona
Defensive Back
5-10, 175



STEPHEN BOYD
Boston College
Inside Linebacker
6-1, 234



SHAYNE EDGE
Florida
Punter
5-11, 174



SAM SHADE
Alabama
Defensive Back
6-1, 190



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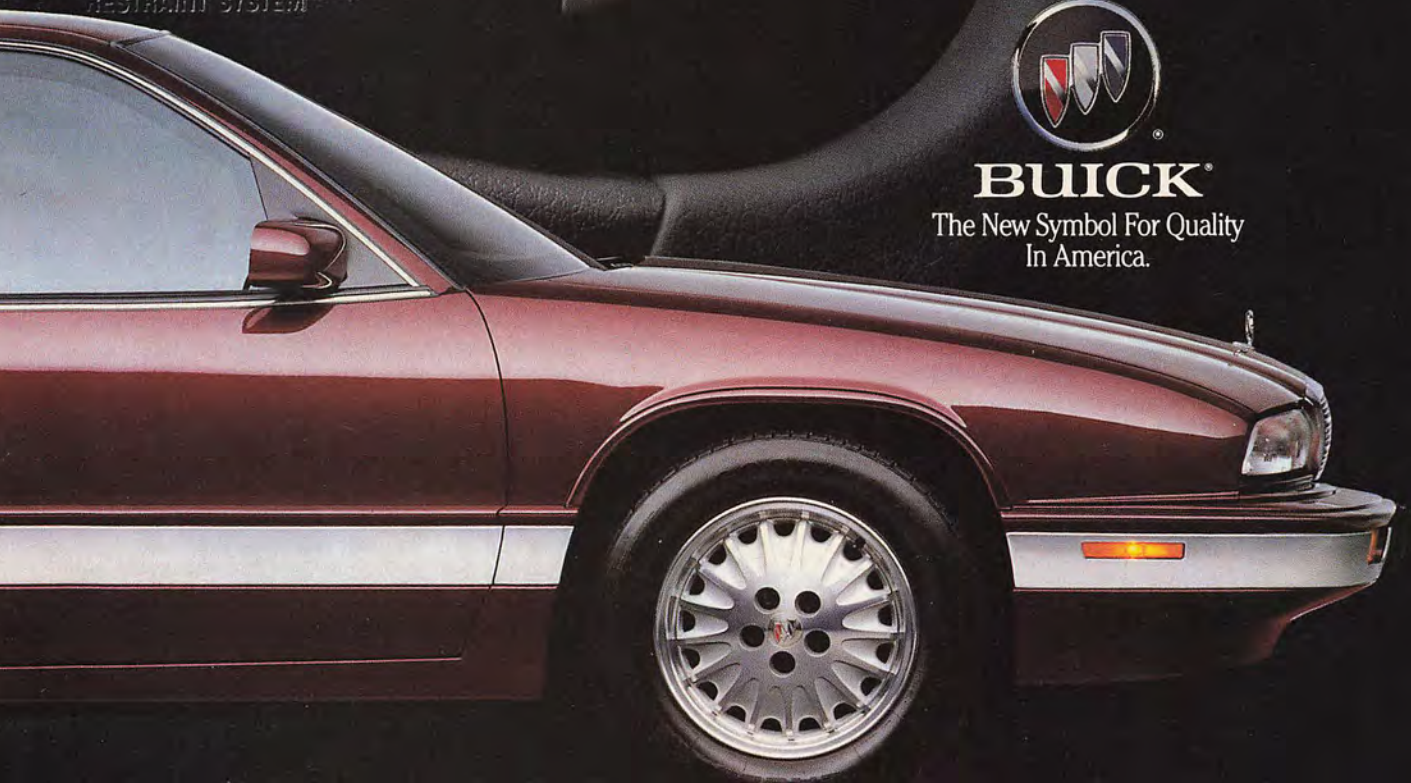
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7. ALABAMA

HOMER RETURNS HOME.



Jay Barker had to be elated to learn Homer Smith was returning to Tuscaloosa. Barker, slowed last season by shoulder problems and a knee injury suffered against Auburn, will be tutored by one of the game's finest. Smith, back for his second tour in Tuscaloosa, is an offensive genius and great X's and O's coach. Combine Barker's grit with Smith's presence and Crimson Tide fans become energized. Offensively, otherwise, the skill-position talent is superb, however untested. The offensive line will decide if the Crimson Tide re-enters the national championship race. Defensively, the front line should be superb. The secondary has great potential. Yes, once again, the schedule is favorable, which will provide the Crimson Tide ample opportunity to catapult back into the top five.

8. COLORADO

THE BUFFS CONTEND WITH A VICIOUS SCHEDULE.



The Buffaloes will rebound in a big way this season, however a nasty schedule proves to be too large of a road block to remain on the path for another national championship. Quarterbacks Koy Detmer and Kordell Stewart will ignite what should be an explosive offensive unit. The offensive line has the ability to be the school's best in the last few years. Wide receiver Michael Westbrook is a game-breaker. The defensive front will rank with the nation's finest. Linebacker Ted Johnson should continue the school's lineage of awesome 'backers. Defensive back Chris Hudson could be the game's best. He is a superb all-purpose player who has a knack for making big plays. The Buffs '94 slate includes consecutive early games against Wisconsin, at Michigan, and at Texas. Ouch!

9. ARIZONA

WILDCATS TO SPEND NEW YEAR'S IN PASADENA.



The Wildcats rank as the national sleeper in '94. Despite a respectable performance last season, highlighted by whipping Miami in the Fiesta Bowl, the Wildcats garner little national respect. That will change this year. The Wildcats, clearly the class of the Pac-10, should be much improved offensively, keyed by a superb rushing attack. Defensively, The 'Cats defense will again rank among the upper echelon. The defensive front will be an immovable force. The linebackers are lean and mean and the secondary might field the nation's best starting cast. Plain and simple, if Dan White displays the natural maturation of a seasoned passer, this team is without a weakness. This team is among the quickest and deepest in the nation. However, keep in mind the Wildcats are the only Pac-10 team to never garner a Rose Bowl berth.

10. PENN STATE

COACH PATERNO AND CO. ARE STILL TO BE FEARED.



The Nittany Lions were supposed to be tamed last season. It didn't happen, and the team's teeth are sharper in '94. The Lions

have the starting unit to take a bite out of the Big Ten this season. Coach Joe Paterno will field his finest offensive backfield in nearly a decade, and the offensive front will be fabulous. What about the defense? That's Paterno's paramount question. The Nittany Lions still lack the depth defensively, but they have enough talent among the front seven to be competitive. However, the secondary could be its "black eye." The fact of the matter remains, this could be Paterno's most underrated squad entering fall practice.

11. TENNESSEE

THE VOLUNTEERS LOOK TO JOIN THE ELITE.



The Volunteers are on the verge of joining the elite. In recent years the team has toyed with success only to taste bitter defeat, such as last year's performance against Penn State in the Florida Citrus Bowl. Despite the loss of quarterback Heath Shuler and running back Charlie Garner, the Vols have ample returning talent to field one of the nation's most feared offenses. Combined with what should be a vastly improved defense, '94 could be the year Tennessee fans have dreamed of for decades. The stop troops, collectively, are blessed with great athleticism. The secondary, a weakness lately, could rank among the best in the Southeastern Conference. The front seven have unlimited potential. Offensively, the question is who'll replace Shuler? Incoming freshman Peyton Manning and returnee Jerry Colquitt are the front runners. The remainder of the offensive backfield could be the nation's best. Veterans James Stewart, Aaron Hayden, and Mose Phillips will assure a competent running game.

12. ILLINOIS

THE FIGHTING ILLINI WILL STRIKE FEAR IN FOES.



Coach Lou Tepper has his squad thinking Rose Bowl. That's not a dream. The Fighting Illini have an awesome defensive unit and a fabulously talented quarterback in Johnny Johnson. Linebackers Dana Howard and John Holecsek are nicknamed "Butkus" and "Nitschke", and rightfully so. The secondary and defensive front have ample talent to heighten the nation's best linebacking corp. Simeon Rice might be the nation's best pure outside pass rusher. Rice teams with Kevin Hardy to provide the Fighting Illini the nation's best outside tandem. The key question is can the Fighting Illini muster a passing attack? The offensive line will likely be the key to answering that question.

13. BOSTON COLLEGE

YES, THE EAGLES ARE WITHOUT TOM COUGHLIN.



However, there is still an abundance of talent on hand. The Eagles offensive backfield is loaded. The offensive line could be awesome. The receiving corps and secondary are vastly underrated and the defensive line could be the school's best in a decade. By the way ... linebacker Stephen Boyd is the nation's best inside linebacker. If the Eagles special teams improve, combined with a consistent rushing attack, this could be the school's finest team since the Flutie-era.

14. AUBURN

DOES AUBURN DESERVE THIS RATING?



Are the Tigers more talented than their Top 25 brethren ranked beneath them? Do the Tigers have a legitimate All-American candidate? It's very difficult to offer affirmative answers to those questions, however we haven't equated the

"Bowden Factor." When coach Terry Bowden was brought aboard last season, many chuckled. Was he deserving? Or was he the only coach in America willing to take the job? No, he was a great football coach looking for a shot in the big leagues. Bowden is a tremendous teacher and motivator. He is why this group of "no-names" are afforded a top 15 slot. The key player in deciding Auburn's fate this year is running back Stephen Davis. He has Heisman Trophy skills, but does he have the desire? So many questions and so few answers.

15. OHIO STATE

THE BUCKEYES BELIEVE THEY ARE WORTHY OF TOP 10 CONSIDERATION.



Based on recent recruiting classes, this team should be considered for top 10 honors, however, like its Big Ten rival, Michigan, the Buckeyes have found a way to

underachieve. Coach John Cooper has assembled a talented group of players which features the nation's finest offensive lineman in tackle Korey Stringer. However, the Buckeyes must prove capable of winning "the big one." The Buckeyes seemed on the verge last season of regaining elite status, only to register a pitiful performance in Ann Arbor followed by an equally poor performance against Brigham Young in the Holiday Bowl. Cooper ranks among the game's finest coaches, he simply needs to convince his team it ranks among the nation's finest. Incidentally, wide receiver Joey Galloway is the school's finest pass-catcher ... ever.

16. WISCONSIN

THE BADGERS WANT TO PROVE '93 WAS NO FLUKE.



The beloved cheeseheads found the 1993 season as close to utopia as seemingly possible. The Badgers trek to

Pasadena, and win over UCLA, was marked with phenomenal accomplishments. Fact is, the '94 edition is even more talented. Led by quarterback Darrell Bevell and tough running back Brent Moss, the Badgers might possess the finest offensive backfield in the country. The receiving corps featuring Lee DeRa-

mus might be the best wide receiving corps in the country. The offensive line will be a dominant force. The lone concern is defense. Defensive tackle Mike Thompson is a real force, however, his supporting cast is inexperienced and/or inconsistent. Coach Barry Alvarez and Co. must also contend with the likes of Colorado, Michigan, and Ohio State on the road. However, despite the rugged schedule and stop troops, an upbeat tempo is prominent in Madison.

17 VIRGINIA TECH

THE HOKIES ARE FOR REAL.

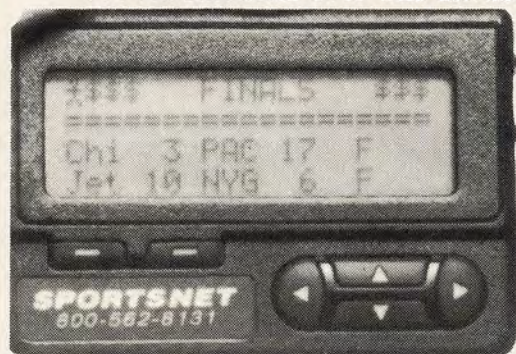


Coach Frank Beamer is starting to get his just desserts. Beamer ranks among the game's most underrated coaches. Last year, the Hokies surprised the experts by posting a winning campaign and garnering a bowl berth. This year, the Hokies will field its finest offensive unit in memory. Quarterback Maurice DeShazo is a big-timer and wide receiver Antonio Freeman is a game-breaker. The running back position is deep and talented.

Defensively, the Hokies boast one of the finest linebacking corps, and the secondary might be the best in the east. This could prove to be the Hokies best defensive unit in a decade. The Hokies have the starting personnel to contend for the Big East title, however, lack the overall depth to succeed if the injury bug bites.

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18. TEXAS

THE 'HORNS ARE BACK



Coach John Mackovic accepted the fact that time was the key ingredient to rebuilding this once proud program. He weathered two years on the roller coast and now has the guns necessary to rejoin the elite. Keyed

by, potentially, its best offensive line in memory in addition to quarterback Shea Morenz and the two best receivers in the Southwest Conference in Mike Adams and Lovell Pinkney, the Longhorns possess a lethal offensive arsenal. The Texas defense features end Tony Brackens and a posse of talented youngsters. The 'Horns will spend New Year's in Dallas.

19. NORTH CAROLINA

ARE THE TAR HEELS FOR REAL?



Coach Mack Brown lost a number of key players and, more importantly, team leaders. The Tar Heels still have Johnson & Johnson (1,000-yard tailbacks Curtis and Leon), along with fullbacks Malcolm Marshall and William Henderson, which should prove a solid foundation.

Quarterback Jason Stanicek looks at times to be a budding star. His continued progress is just as important as the maturation of the defensive unit. The defensive leader, Marcus Jones, is rated by insiders as the school's best line prospect in memory. Coach Brown has built this program into a legitimate Top 10 contender and this season proves critical for continued growth. A favorable schedule should prove an assistance for the young Tar Heels. Can the Tar Heels reload, or are they still in the rebuilding process?

20. SOUTHERN CAL

IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME.



Coach John Robinson has the Trojans on the right track and with a few breaks this season might just find a way to lead them into the Rose Bowl. Quarterback Rob Johnson has made tremendous strides, and the defensive corps looked to be vastly

improved, based on spring drills. Robinson has secured fabulous talent the past two years, including running back LaVale Woods, billed as the latest candidate to rekindle the school's history of dangerous runners. We admit this selection is based largely on reputation, however, betting against Robinson is more often than not a losing proposition.

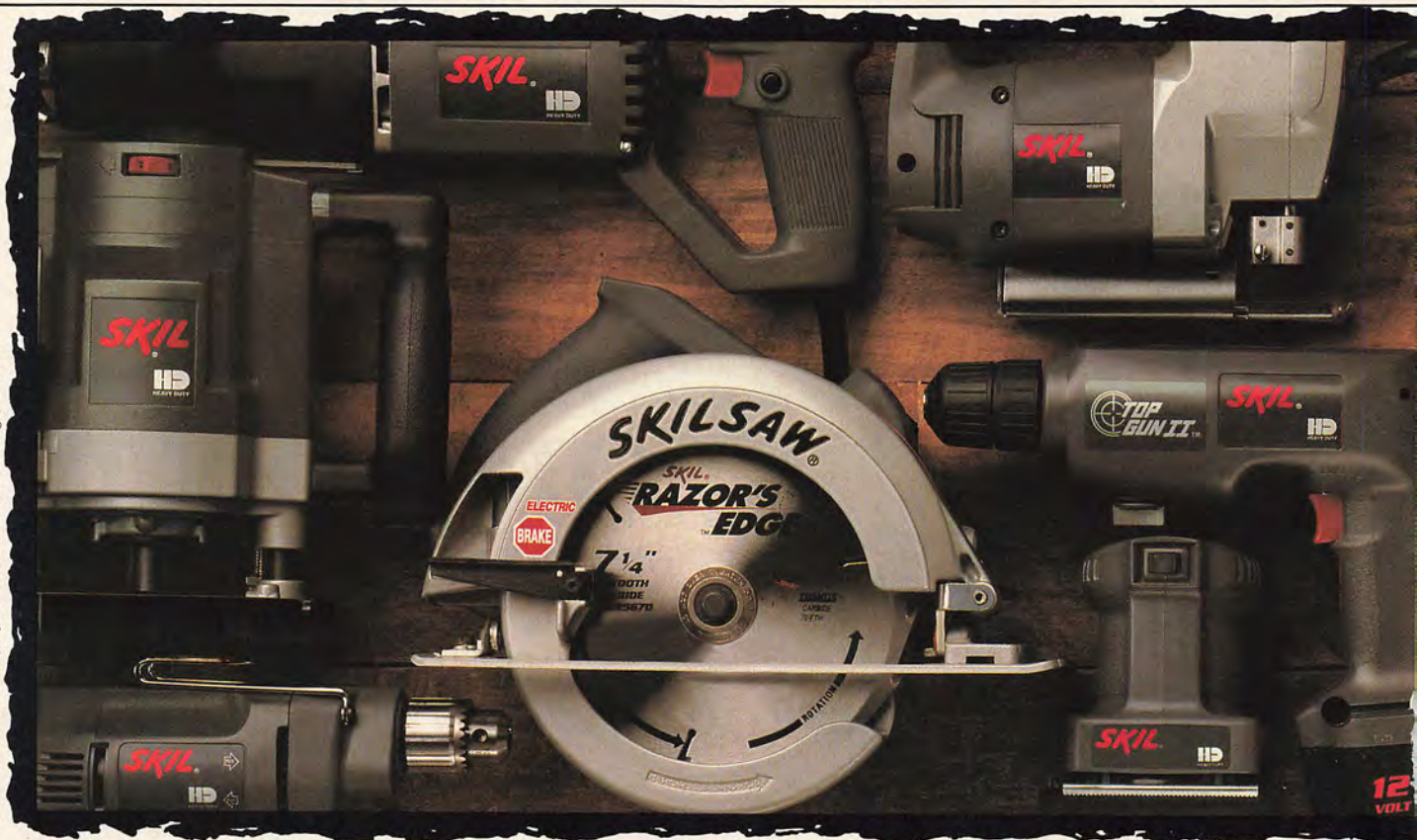
21. UCLA

COACH TERRY DONAHUE IS FEELING THE HEAT.



This program has enjoyed tremendous postseason success and seemingly supplies the professional ranks with blue chippers. Coach Terry Donahue, and his ever-changing staff, is responsible for the aforementioned facts, however, he now finds himself in a must win situation. The natives are

restless in Westwood. With quarterback Wayne Cook returning and Heisman Trophy candidate J.J. Stokes, the nation's best receiver, there is no questioning the Bruins offensive firepower. Combined with an underrated cast of defensive returnees, the Bruins may actually earn a Top 10 berth, if they play up to potential. The secondary should rate among the finest in the game ...



again. A downside is yet another challenging schedule. Don't count out a return to the Rose Bowl.

22. TEXAS A&M

HOW GOOD IS THIS PROGRAM?



The Aggies are on probation, lost feature players to the NFL and both coordinators, however, could conceivably, find their way into the Top Ten. The Aggies running backs are awesome, its just most of the rest of the team that is in question. The potential is there, however lack of experience is what makes the squad a huge enigma. Keep in mind, the Aggies have won their last 22 Southwest Conference games and returning quarterback Corey Pullig will have a breakthrough season. Running backs Rodney Thomas and Leeland McElroy, the nation's leading kickoff returner, and linebacker Antonio Armstrong honors candidates.

23. OKLAHOMA

GIBBS AND CO. TO MAKE A STATEMENT.



This should be the best Sooner squad during the Gary Gibbs' era. Sooner fans have shown a great deal of patience with Gibbs, and failure to reward that patience this season would lead to significant changes, namely the removal of Gibbs' name from the head coaches' office in Norman. The offense boasts tailbacks James Allen and Jerald Moore. The quarterbacking prospects are solid. The development of the defensive front and backfield will dictate

if the Sooners can cope with a schedule that includes Syracuse, Texas A&M, Texas, Colorado, and Nebraska.

24 BRIGHAM YOUNG

THE COUGARS DESIRE NATIONAL RESPECT.



Quarterback John Walsh came of age in the latter stages of the '93 season and that's enough to earn the Cougars a Top 25 slot. Walsh and running back Jamal Willis form a superb one-two punch in providing coach Lavell Edwards his most diversified attack in years. Both the offensive and defensive fronts should be vastly improved. Remember the name Travis Hall, he could rate among the nation's finest linebackers this season. A trek to South Bend at midseason will reveal if the Cougars are Top 25 contenders or pretenders.

25 SYRACUSE

THE ORANGEMEN TURN THE TABLES.



Last year the Orangemen were to contend for the national championship, only to prove to be the season's biggest disappointment. This year there are gloom and doom forecasts. Fact is: this program still ranks among the finest in the east and will bounce back in '94. The Orangemen have a superb array of skill-position athletes and ample candidates to fill the shoes of departed quarterback Marvin Graves. How quickly the offensive and defensive lines develop are the paramount questions when analyzing this program in '94. □

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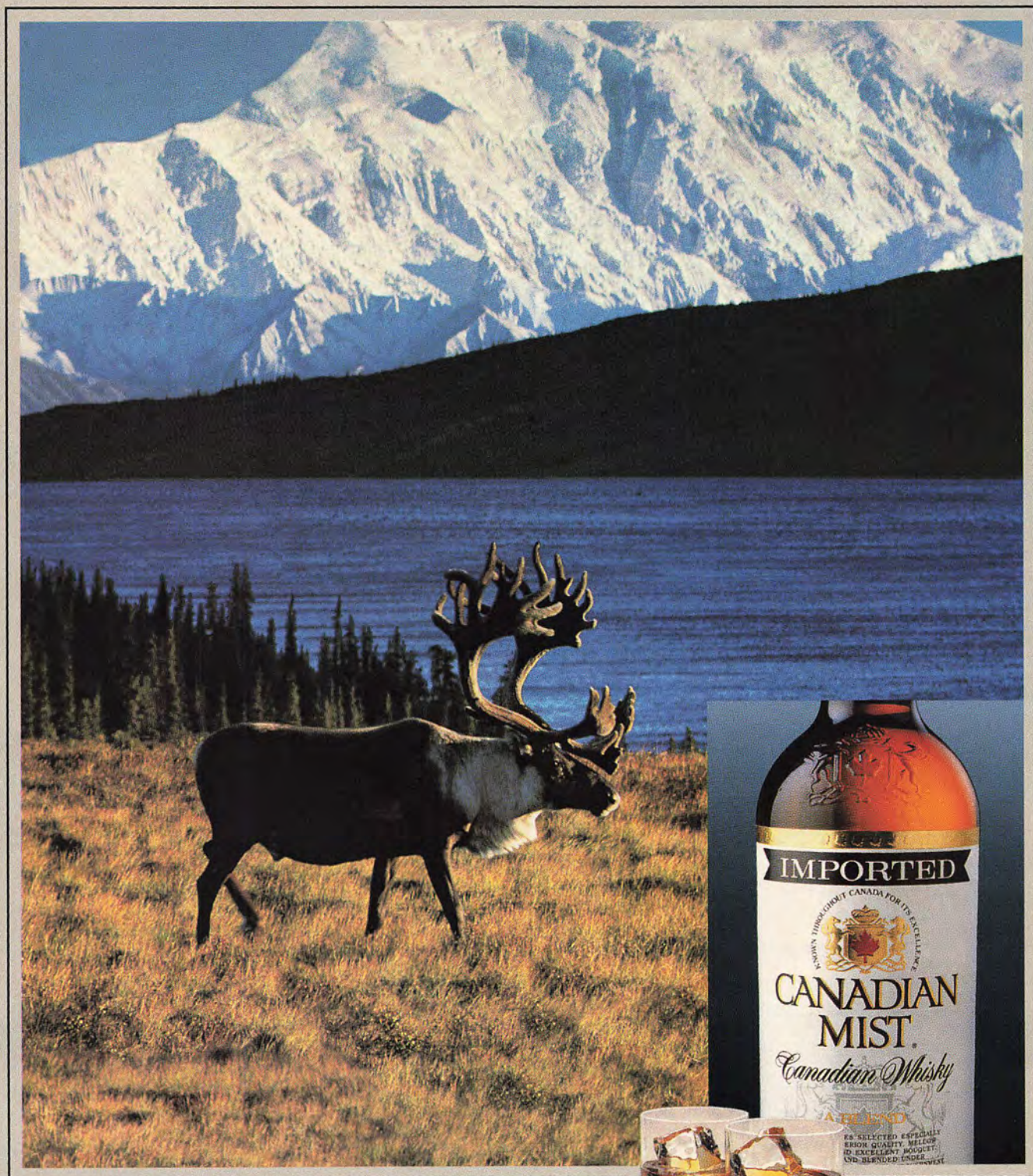
QUARTERBACKS ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Eric Zeier	6-2	200	Georgia	Senior
<i>Zeier is a future All-Pro. A great passer and leader. Awesome.</i>				
Darrell Bevell	6-2	200	Wisconsin	Junior
<i>Bevell is as tough as they come. He plays his best in big games.</i>				
Chad May	6-2	215	Kansas State	Senior
<i>May is the game's most underrated and under publicized talent.</i>				
Tommie Frazier	6-2	200	Nebraska	Junior
<i>Ran for nine touchdowns, had 12-4 touchdown-to-interception mark.</i>				
Scott Milanovich	6-4	220	Maryland	Junior
<i>Milanovich is an offensive coordinator's dream.</i>				
Dave Barr	6-4	205	California	Senior
<i>Barr developed into consummate leader. Plays with tenacity of a LB.</i>				
Steve Stenstrom	6-2	200	Stanford	Senior
<i>He is one of the toughest and most durable passers in the game.</i>				
Jim Kubiak	6-2	217	Navy	Senior
<i>Kubiak is the school's finest passer since Roger Staubach.</i>				
Rob Johnson	6-3	220	Southern Cal	Senior
<i>Improved as passer and leader in '93. Expect more of the same in '94.</i>				
Maurice DeShazo	6-1	197	Virginia Tech	Senior
<i>He is a difference-maker. Recorded 22-7 touchdown-to-interception mark.</i>				
Wayne Cook	6-3	205	UCLA	Senior
<i>Cook is the model of consistency. He is, in the truest sense, a winner.</i>				
Terry Dean	6-2	204	Florida	Senior
<i>Dean makes big plays. He should be among the nation's most improved.</i>				
Dan White	6-5	211	Arizona	Junior
<i>Showed weekly improvement last season. Has the size, strength, and arm.</i>				
Todd Collins	6-5	229	Michigan	Junior
<i>Collins lacks consistency to rate higher. Must improve in big games.</i>				
Frank Costa	6-4	220	Miami	Senior
<i>Has the arm and size, however lacks the field sense and mobility.</i>				

RUNNING BACKS ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Tyrone Wheatley	6-1	226	Michigan	Senior
<i>Wheatley is a future All-Pro. He is a legitimate difference-maker.</i>				
Terrell Willis	6-0	200	Rutgers	Sophomore
<i>Could prove to be one of the greatest players to ever don the Scarlet.</i>				
Warrick Dunn	5-9	170	Florida State	Sophomore
<i>Dunn is a fabulous receiver and clutch performer. Has great moves.</i>				
Brent Moss	5-9	205	Wisconsin	Senior
<i>Moss is a tenacious football player who improves with each game.</i>				
Ki-Jana Carter	5-10	212	Penn State	Junior
<i>Carter averaged 6.6 yards per carry last season. Developing receiver.</i>				
Nap Kaufman	5-9	175	Washington	Senior
<i>Kaufman is a franchise player. Yes, franchise player.</i>				
Curtis Johnson	5-10	208	North Carolina	Junior
<i>Johnson is a moose with the agility of a deer.</i>				
Eddie George	6-2	230	Ohio State	Junior
<i>If OSU's inexperienced OL can open holes, George will be incredible.</i>				
Rodney Thomas	5-11	202	Texas A&M	Senior
<i>Thomas has bright pro future, scored 13 TDs in '93. Tough as nails.</i>				
Brandon Bennett	6-0	198	South Carolina	Senior
<i>Bennett should blossom into a franchise player this season.</i>				
Moe Williams	6-2	205	Kentucky	Sophomore
<i>Insiders are saying he's the school's best football player in decades.</i>				
Michael Davis	6-1	239	Mississippi State	Senior
<i>Runs like a runaway train. Tough as nails and relentless.</i>				
Lee Becton	6-0	191	Notre Dame	Senior
<i>Becton is one of five RBs to top 1,000 yards for Fighting Irish.</i>				
Stephen Davis	6-2	222	Auburn	Junior
<i>He's a natural. Averaged 5.9 yards per carry and proved a fine receiver.</i>				
Anthony Shelman	6-3	200	Louisville	Senior
<i>Shelman has a much desired combination of size, strength, and swiftness.</i>				

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Florida State University
Outside Linebacker

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FULLBACKS ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Matt Alstott	6-0	236	Purdue	Senior
<i>A fabulous talent. Fine runner, awesome receiver, great attitude.</i>				
Junior Smith	5-6	180	East Carolina	Senior
<i>Nation's toughest player? He accounted for 83% of ECU rushing attack.</i>				
Charles Way	6-2	238	Virginia	Senior
<i>Way is the best power back to don the Cavaliers' jersey.</i>				
James Stewart	6-3	235	Miami	Junior
<i>A tailback or fullback. If healthy and motivated, he's unstoppable.</i>				
Emory Smith	6-0	238	Clemson	Sophomore
<i>Emory is Emmitt Smith's brother. A feature back in a fullback's body.</i>				
Ty Douthard	6-1	200	Illinois	Sophomore
<i>A clutch performer who is well versed in all facets of the game.</i>				
Akili King	5-10	220	Army	Junior
<i>School's best power back in memory. Instant points near goal line.</i>				
Tarrant Lynch	6-1	224	Alabama	Senior
<i>Lynch is the complete package. Excellent blocker, receiver, and runner.</i>				
Dwight Shirley	5-11	219	Boston College	Senior
<i>Has the size to run inside and the quickness and moves to run outside.</i>				
Mose Phillips	6-0	220	Tennessee	Senior
<i>A fine all-purpose fullback who adds dimension to Vols' attack.</i>				
Detron Smith	6-0	200	Texas A&M	Junior
<i>Smith is a bulldozer who improved with each outing last season.</i>				
Pooh Bear Williams	6-1	250	Florida State	Sophomore
<i>He's no "teddy bear." Williams hits hard enough to knock off a tattoo.</i>				
Cory Schlesinger	6-0	225	Nebraska	Senior
<i>He is a typical Cornhusker power back: strong, quick, and determined.</i>				
Larry Jones	6-0	235	Miami	Senior
<i>Jones continues to improve annually. Becoming a threat as a receiver.</i>				
Clif Groce	5-11	242	Texas A&M	Senior
<i>Groce teams with Detron Smith forming one of the nation's finest duos.</i>				

WIDE RECEIVERS ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

J.J. Stokes	6-4	214	UCLA	Senior
<i>Wow!</i>				
Bobby Ingram	5-10	180	Penn State	Junior
<i>Averaged 18.2 yards per catch with 13 touchdowns. Simply awesome.</i>				
Joey Galloway	5-10	180	Ohio State	Senior
<i>Capable of dominating game. A big-time clutch player. Scored 13 TDs.</i>				
Lee DeRamus	6-2	200	Wisconsin	Senior
<i>Draws comparisons to Al Toon. Enough said.</i>				
Michael Westbrook	6-4	210	Colorado	Senior
<i>He's capable of making the big play as a receiver and kick returner.</i>				
Eddie Goines	6-1	186	No. Carolina St.	Senior
<i>Goines is one of the game's most feared deep threats.</i>				
Antonio Freeman	6-1	190	Virginia Tech	Senior
<i>Might be nation's most underrated player. Averaged 20.1 yards per catch.</i>				
Clarence Cannon	5-11	162	Boston College	Senior
<i>Cannon averaged 18.2 yards per catch. A true threat in the open field.</i>				
Amani Toomer	6-3	182	Michigan	Junior
<i>Has ability to be next Michael Irvin, averaged 19.3 yards per catch.</i>				
Jack Jackson	5-9	167	Florida	Junior
<i>Jackson will be the Gators "go-to" man in '94. Has terrific hands.</i>				
Kevin Lockett	6-0	165	Kansas State	Sophomore
<i>Set Big Eight freshman receiving record. Vastly underrated nationally.</i>				
Brice Hunter	6-0	195	Georgia	Junior
<i>Hunter became QB Eric Zeier's favorite, and most reliable, receiver.</i>				
Tyrone Davis	6-5	223	Virginia	Senior
<i>Davis is on verge of reaching the next level. Must improve in traffic.</i>				
Jermaine Lewis	6-0	175	Maryland	Junior
<i>One of the nation's finest players held back by a pitiful team.</i>				
Frankie Sanders	6-2	200	Auburn	Senior
<i>Sanders serves as the Tigers best, and most consistent, deep threat.</i>				

TIGHT ENDS ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Pete Mitchell	6-2	228	Boston College	Senior
<i>Mitchell is clutch player and underrated blocker. Excellent receiver.</i>				
Christian Fauria	6-4	235	Colorado	Senior
<i>Fauria is a superb receiver and much improved blocker. Superb athlete.</i>				
Michael Roan	6-4	245	Wisconsin	Senior
<i>Roan progressed in every phase of the game last season. Could top list.</i>				
Tony Johnson	6-5	248	Alabama	Junior
<i>He improved significantly in '93. Fine receiver and improved blocker.</i>				
Kyle Brady	6-6	256	Penn State	Senior
<i>Showed progress last season. If healthy, could rate in the top five.</i>				
Chad Lewis	6-6	230	Miami	Junior
<i>He's an up-and-coming talent. Capable of spectacular grabs. Watch him.</i>				
Brian Collins	6-5	220	Texas Christian	Junior
<i>Collins was a pleasant surprise last season. Underrated blocker.</i>				
James McKeen	6-4	231	Texas A&M	Senior
<i>McKeen has improved in each facet of the game. Will be a force.</i>				
Jamie Asher	6-3	227	Louisville	Senior
<i>Asher blossomed into one of the finest receiving TEs in nation in '93.</i>				
Tony Cline	6-5	240	Stanford	Senior
<i>He thrives in the Cardinal passing scheme.</i>				

OFFENSIVE GUARDS ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Jeff Smith	6-3	300	Tennessee	Junior
<i>The best in the business.</i>				
Greg Landry	6-4	284	Boston College	Junior
<i>Landry teams with Pete Kendall to provide the Eagles an awesome duo.</i>				
Andrew Peterson	6-5	305	Washington	Senior
<i>Rates as the best of the west coast linemen.</i>				
Brian Bravy	6-5	315	Georgia Tech	Senior
<i>Could top this list by season's end with continued improvement.</i>				
Patrick McNeil	6-3	284	Florida State	Senior
<i>McNeil seemingly thrives in big games against major talent.</i>				
Joe Rudolph	6-2	285	Wisconsin	Senior
<i>Rudolph might be the nation's best run blocking guard.</i>				
Tirrell Greene	6-3	300	Miami	Senior
<i>Greene, who switched from center in '93, showed glimpses of greatness.</i>				
Joe Marinaro	6-4	294	Michigan	Junior
<i>Marinaro is a devastating blocker who finishes blocks with tenacity.</i>				
Rob Zatechka	6-5	300	Nebraska	Senior
<i>Zatechka is another in a long line of tough, rugged, "Husker linemen.</i>				
Jeff Hartings	6-3	270	Penn State	Junior
<i>Hartings developed quickly last season. He might switch to tackle.</i>				
Tom Robsack	6-5	262	West Virginia	Senior
<i>Capable of playing tackle or guard. Additional bulk will be factor.</i>				
Damien McMahon	6-4	286	Virginia Tech	Senior
<i>McMahon is a reliable performer who plays best against the best.</i>				
Warner Smith	6-3	286	Arizona	Senior
<i>Steady player who excels as run blocker. He's a terrific drive blocker.</i>				
Jon Jones	6-1	285	Kansas	Senior
<i>Pound-for-pound he might be the nation's toughest lineman.</i>				
Will Davidson	6-4	298	Baylor	Senior
<i>Davidson continues school's lineage of top offensive linemen.</i>				

OFFENSIVE TACKLES ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Korey Stringer	6-6	310	Ohio State	Sophomore
<i>The school's best since John Hicks? Another Anthony Munoz?</i>				
Steve Ingram	6-5	283	Maryland	Senior
<i>Ingram sometimes looks like a man among boys.</i>				
Zach Wiegert	6-5	300	Nebraska	Senior
<i>Wiegert is school's best pass blocker in memory. A legitimate force.</i>				
Tony Boselli	6-8	296	Southern Cal	Senior
<i>Boselli is a major prospect, however he has been slowed by injuries.</i>				
Blake Brockermeyer	6-5	286	Texas	Junior
<i>Last time Texas had a lineman of this quality, "streaking" was a fad.</i>				
Reggie Green	6-7	296	Florida	Junior
<i>He registered a mediocre sophomore season. However, big-time talent.</i>				
Shane Hannah	6-5	330	Michigan State	Senior
<i>Hannah has the mentality of a defensive lineman. Tough and mean.</i>				
Pete Kendall	6-5	266	Boston College	Junior
<i>Kendall rates among school's finest offensive linemen ever.</i>				
Willie Anderson	6-6	320	Auburn	Sophomore
<i>Anderson is future All-Pro. A can't-miss prospect. Great athlete.</i>				
Tony Berti	6-6	270	Colorado	Senior
<i>Vastly underrated player. He rates among the finest in school history.</i>				
Jonathan Ogden	6-8	315	UCLA	Sophomore
<i>Ogden could prove the school's best offensive lineman in memory.</i>				
Jason Layman	6-5	285	Tennessee	Junior
<i>Layman began career on DL before switching to C. Now a factor at OT.</i>				
Jason Odom	6-5	288	Florida	Junior
<i>Odom is going to play on Sundays in the near future.</i>				
Leslie Ratliffe	6-7	299	Tennessee	Junior
<i>Ratliffe was the most underrated OL in the SEC in '93. Not in '94.</i>				
Zev Lumelski	6-7	300	Miami	Senior
<i>The "Z-man" could prove the school's finest OT in memory.</i>				

CENTERS ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Cory Raymer	6-4	290	Wisconsin	Senior
<i>Raymer ranks among the most dominant forces in the nation. A leader.</i>				
Bubba Miller	6-1	290	Tennessee	Junior
<i>A big, bad man.</i>				
Michael Cheever	6-4	281	Georgia Tech	Junior
<i>He rates with the school's finest in history.</i>				
Tony Booth	6-3	282	Iowa State	Senior
<i>He's an explosive blocker who plays with the mentality of a D-lineman.</i>				
Shannon Roubique	6-1	278	Auburn	Junior
<i>Lacks monster size, however has great technique. Versatile and durable.</i>				
Clay Shiver	6-2	270	Florida State	Junior
<i>Shiver is considered by FSU coaches among finest in Seminole history.</i>				
K.C. Jones	6-1	255	Miami	Sophomore
<i>A budding star, however must recover from a serious knee injury.</i>				
Aaron Graham	6-3	280	Nebraska	Junior
<i>Graham is the school's best center prospect since Dave Rimington.</i>				
Jon Stevenson	6-3	275	Alabama	Senior
<i>Slowed by knee injury in '93. Rates with school's finest in memory.</i>				
Calvin Collins	6-3	285	Texas A&M	Sophomore
<i>Collins has the skills to rate among the school's finest in memory.</i>				

DEFENSIVE ENDS ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Derrick Alexander	6-5	260	Florida State	Junior
<i>Alexander is the school's finest defensive linemen since Ron Simmons.</i>				
Tedy Bruschi	6-1	250	Arizona	Junior
<i>Fearful pass-rusher. Physical player with fine technique and quickness.</i>				
Kevin Carter	6-6	271	Florida	Senior
<i>He epitomizes the words "bad to the bone."</i>				
Luther Elliss	6-5	257	Utah	Senior
<i>Elliss is the best defensive player in the Western Athletic Conference.</i>				
Regan Upshaw	6-4	230	California	Sophomore
<i>Will be a true difference-maker in time. '94 season could be the time.</i>				
DeWayne Patterson	6-1	257	Washington State	Senior
<i>A rugged and aggressive player who plays well in big games.</i>				
Randall Brown	6-3	250	Ohio State	Senior
<i>Teams with Jayson Gwinn to form talented set of bookends.</i>				
Cornell Brown	6-2	231	Virginia Tech	Sophomore
<i>Brown could well prove the nation's finest end. The complete package.</i>				
Scotty Lewis	6-3	253	Baylor	Senior
<i>Another in an endless line of superior Baylor defensive linemen.</i>				
Marcus Adair	6-2	225	Arkansas	Junior
<i>Adair is a tenacious pass rusher. Has the quickness to be real factor.</i>				
Juan Hammonds	6-3	251	Michigan State	Senior
<i>If continues to progress at last year's rate, could rank in top three.</i>				
Mark Frederick	6-6	265	Virginia	Senior
<i>Frederick has ability to rate higher, yet fares poorly in big games.</i>				
Mark Campbell	6-3	279	Florida	Junior
<i>Campbell is developing into a legitimate pass-rushing force.</i>				
Stacy Evans	6-3	250	South Carolina	Senior
<i>Evans developed into the Gamecocks' best defender last season.</i>				
Dirk Ochs	6-4	245	Kansas State	Junior
<i>Rates as one of the nation's finest pure pass-rushers.</i>				

DEFENSIVE TACKLES ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Warren Sapp	6-3	300	Miami	Junior
<i>Sapp does "bad things" to the opposition.</i>				
Mike Thompson	6-4	270	Wisconsin	Junior
<i>Thompson rated among the most underrated in '93. Will shine in '94.</i>				
Jim Hoffman	6-4	270	Arizona	Senior
<i>Rates among most underrated players in the country. Simply awesome.</i>				
Chad Eaton	6-5	272	Washington State	Senior
<i>A bull of a pass rusher who has a nasty attitude.</i>				
La'Roi Glover	6-2	270	San Diego State	Junior
<i>Glover is on verge of stardom. He's seemingly a natural for position.</i>				
Marcus Jones	6-6	260	North Carolina	Junior
<i>Jones has the skills to play on Sundays.</i>				
Royal West	6-3	280	Texas Christian	Senior
<i>Yes, TCU has a legitimate defensive All-American candidate. Big time.</i>				
Michael Tobias	6-3	275	Southern Miss	Senior
<i>Tobias is considered by insiders as the school's finest DL in memory.</i>				
Ellis Johnson	6-3	276	Florida	Senior
<i>Johnson is an explosive player who wreaks havoc in foes' backfield.</i>				
Patrick Riley	6-6	283	Miami	Senior
<i>Riley is a pass-rushing specialist who is dominant at times.</i>				
Ed Hawthorne	6-2	295	Minnesota	Senior
<i>Two inches taller and stronger and he'd be a first round pick.</i>				
Chris Sullivan	6-5	266	Boston College	Junior
<i>A budding star who constantly wreaks havoc in opponents' backfield.</i>				
Darrell Harbert	6-1	275	Kansas State	Senior
<i>Plays his best against best. Best '93 efforts vs. OU and Colorado.</i>				
Shannon Clavette	6-4	270	Colorado	Junior
<i>Displayed dramatic improvement in the second-half of the '93 season.</i>				
Aaron Jackson	6-4	267	Michigan State	Senior
<i>A force when motivated. Lacks consistent efforts for higher mark.</i>				

NOSE TACKLES ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Steve Hoffmann	6-3	275	Washington	Senior
<i>If recovered from knee surgery, will be UW's best since Steve Emtman.</i>				
Mikki Johnson	6-1	252	Illinois	Junior
<i>He's a center's worst nightmare. He seemingly likes the mucking.</i>				
Kerry Hicks	6-6	260	Colorado	Junior
<i>Tenacious player who plays big in big games. A top pass-rusher.</i>				
Terry Connealy	6-5	275	Nebraska	Senior
<i>He makes it impossible to run inside. Developing as pass-rusher.</i>				
Luke Fickell	6-4	260	Ohio State	Sophomore
<i>Fickell is a gifted athlete who has the tools to top this list ... soon.</i>				
Barry Hawkins	6-4	280	West Virginia	Senior
<i>Wrecked havoc in opposition's backfield. A durable and sound player.</i>				
Tom Morabito	6-3	255	Boston College	Junior
<i>Morabito is a tough-nosed player who keys the Eagles' defensive front.</i>				
Eric Clair	6-1	287	Penn State	Junior
<i>Clair is an overachiever who has beefed up significantly.</i>				
Eric Counts	6-2	255	No. Carolina St.	Senior
<i>Counts is a solid and fundamentally sound player who gives 110%.</i>				
George Kase	6-2	255	UCLA	Junior
<i>Kase solidified the defensive front in '93. A real force against the run.</i>				

INSIDE LINEBACKERS ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Stephen Boyd	6-1	234	Boston College	Senior
<i>Recorded a phenomenal 161 tackles last season. Rates as team leader.</i>				
Sean Harris	6-3	235	Arizona	Senior
<i>Harris is noted for making key plays in key games. Lacks consistency.</i>				
Lorenzo Styles	6-2	242	Ohio State	Junior
<i>He continues the school's history of fabulous inside 'backers.</i>				
Jerroff Willard	6-2	230	California	Senior
<i>Willard is a "bad man."</i>				
Dana Howard	6-0	232	Illinois	Senior
<i>Tough and aggressive with a mean streak. UI's best since Dick Butkus?</i>				
Abdul Jackson	6-1	240	Mississippi	Senior
<i>There are few better at defending the run.</i>				
John Holecsek	6-2	226	Illinois	Senior
<i>Holecsek and Dana Howard rank as the nation's finest inside duo.</i>				
Reggie Garnett	6-2	220	Michigan State	Sophomore
<i>Garnett keys the Spartans "D." School's best 'backer since Percy Snow.</i>				
Dexter Daniels	6-2	235	Florida	Junior
<i>Daniels could prove the best in a long line of great Gator 'backers.</i>				
Randall Godfrey	6-3	217	Georgia	Junior
<i>Godfrey plays like a kamikaze. He's as tough as nails.</i>				
Tim Jones	6-1	230	Clemson	Senior
<i>Led team with 100 tackles. Top pass rusher when called upon.</i>				
Jarrett Irons	6-1	221	Michigan	Sophomore
<i>A consistent and hard-nosed performer who is a devastating hitter.</i>				
Ray Lewis	6-1	216	Miami	Sophomore
<i>Lewis has the ability to rank with the school's finest. Great in pursuit.</i>				
Damien Covington	6-1	235	No. Carolina St.	Senior
<i>Covington is as tough as they come. He makes things happen.</i>				
Ted Johnson	6-4	235	Colorado	Senior
<i>Johnson is another in long line of superb 'backers groomed in Boulder.</i>				



Chris Hudson
Colorado
Defensive Back

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OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Derrick Brooks	6-1	220	Florida State	Senior
<i>Brooks is a phenomenal talent. A smallish-LT.</i>				
Craig Powell	6-5	227	Ohio State	Junior
<i>Powell rates among the Big Ten's most feared tacklers. Fine pass-rusher.</i>				
Simeon Rice	6-5	235	Illinois	Junior
<i>A fierce pass rusher with unlimited ability.</i>				
Tony Brackens	6-4	227	Texas	Sophomore
<i>Teams with Norman Watkins to provide Longhorns with talented DE duo.</i>				
Matt Dyson	6-5	256	Michigan	Senior
<i>Dyson was slowed by injury last season. He has big-time potential.</i>				
Antonio Armstrong	6-4	215	Texas A&M	Senior
<i>Armstrong developed into excellent pass rusher, 8.5 sacks, clutch player.</i>				
Lance Johnstone	6-3	242	Temple	Junior
<i>Johnstone is the best player on the worst team in America.</i>				
Donnie Edwards	6-3	220	UCLA	Sophomore
<i>He must fill void left by Jamir Miller's early departure for the NFL.</i>				
Ken Brown	6-2	234	Virginia Tech	Senior
<i>Brown's an active player with a penchant for the big play in big games.</i>				
Rohan Marley	5-8	205	Miami	Junior
<i>Marley plays much bigger than actual size. Has the heart of a lion.</i>				
Anthony Harris	6-2	221	Auburn	Junior
<i>Harris could be a force. Has great talent. Question is determination.</i>				
Wardell Rouse	6-2	222	Clemson	Senior
<i>He is latest in long line of gifted outside 'backers in Death Valley.</i>				
Matt Christensen	6-4	245	Michigan State	Senior
<i>Christensen is a leader on the field. He plays at full throttle.</i>				
Ben Talley	6-3	235	Tennessee	Senior
<i>He's an active player who excels with finesse and swiftness.</i>				
Albert McRae	6-1	218	Southern Miss	Senior
<i>McRae is an overachiever who plays with reckless abandon.</i>				

SAFETIES ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Brandon Sanders	5-10	175	Arizona	Junior
<i>Rated by west coast scouts among the finest players in the nation.</i>				
Sam Shade	6-1	190	Alabama	Senior
<i>Shade has the ability to top list by season's end. Big-play artist.</i>				
Bobby Taylor	6-3	191	Notre Dame	Junior
<i>Could top the list by season's end.</i>				
Tony Bouie	5-10	183	Arizona	Senior
<i>Registered six interceptions in '93, averaging 16.7 yards per pick.</i>				
Antonio Banks	5-10	188	Virginia Tech	Sophomore
<i>Simply stated: Banks will rank as one of the finest to don VPI jersey.</i>				
James Walker	6-3	194	No. Carolina St.	Sophomore
<i>Walker is the latest in a long line of superb Wolfpack DBs.</i>				

Ben Hanks	6-2	213	Florida	Junior
<i>Florida coach Steve Spurrier "unretired" his number for Hanks' use.</i>				
Devin Bush	6-0	205	Florida State	Junior
<i>Bush is a devastating hitter who obviously loves to play the game.</i>				
David Mayfield	5-11	183	West Virginia	Senior
<i>Combined 24 tackles in last 2 regular season games, Miami and BC.</i>				
Larry Bush	5-10	188	Oklahoma	Junior
<i>Insiders believe Bush will rank with school's finest in time.</i>				
C.J. Richardson	6-1	200	Miami	Senior
<i>He makes good things happen on the football field in key situations.</i>				
Marcus Coleman	6-2	202	Texas Tech	Junior
<i>Coleman has the size and speed to be an impact player.</i>				
Chad Cota	6-1	188	Oregon	Senior
<i>Cota "just does it."</i>				
Terence Wiggins	5-11	185	Boston College	Junior
<i>Wiggins has a knack for the big play. He reacts and recovers well.</i>				
Lawrence Wright	6-1	195	Florida	Sophomore
<i>A versatile, aggressive player who is a superb special teams player.</i>				

CORNERBACKS ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Clifton Abraham	5-9	185	Florida State	Senior
<i>Rates with Sanders and Buckley and Butler and Sawyer.</i>				
Chris Hudson	5-11	190	Colorado	Senior
<i>Rates among the nation's finest punt return artists. A feared hitter.</i>				
Ty Law	6-0	189	Michigan	Junior
<i>Law is an active and physical player capable of being a dominant force.</i>				
Tommy Johnson	5-10	180	Alabama	Senior
<i>Plays his best against the best. Recovers well, willing to gamble.</i>				
Kenny Gales	5-11	175	Wisconsin	Senior
<i>Gales is a gambling player who plays with reckless abandon and grit.</i>				
Andre Humphrey	5-8	192	Clemson	Junior
<i>Simply stated: Humphrey rates as nation's finest special teams player.</i>				
Carl Greenwood	6-0	192	UCLA	Senior
<i>Greenwood is the latest in the school's lineage of tremendous DBs.</i>				
Marlon Kerner	5-11	188	Ohio State	Senior
<i>Kerner is a tough and aggressive player who is rarely beaten deep.</i>				
Larry Kennedy	5-10	184	Florida	Senior
<i>Kennedy is a natural. Would rank higher, however is too inconsistent.</i>				
DeRon Jenkins	5-11	173	Tennessee	Junior
<i>Jenkins is always around the ball and makes big plays. A future star.</i>				
Baron Miles	5-8	160	Nebraska	Senior
<i>Miles is a consistent performer who recovers well in coverage.</i>				
Ray Mickens	5-8	172	Texas A&M	Junior
<i>Mickens assures the Aggies another in a lengthy line of superb DBs.</i>				
Tyrone Williams	6-0	185	Nebraska	Junior
<i>Williams and Baron Miles form game's finest cornerback combination.</i>				
Michael Reed	5-9	175	Boston College	Senior
<i>Smart and steady player who makes few mistakes. Never gives an inch.</i>				
Calvin Jackson	5-10	179	Auburn	Junior
<i>Jackson draws opposition's finest receiver and responds positively.</i>				

ALL PURPOSE/SPECIALISTS ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Players who rate in the top three of their respective positions are omitted from this list.

Leeland McElroy (RB)	5-11	200	Texas A&M	Sophomore
<i>Had 8.5 average a carry, 3 TDs on kick returns, scored 14 TDs in '93.</i>				
Billy Williams (WR)	5-11	161	Tennessee	Senior
<i>Williams developed into the Volunteers' game-breaking deep threat.</i>				
Mill Coleman (FL)	5-10	170	Michigan State	Senior
<i>Can play quarterback, running back, receiver, and return kicks. Awesome.</i>				
Kenyatta Watson (WR)	5-10	166	Boston College	Sophomore
<i>Returns punts and kickoffs in addition to being deep receiving threat.</i>				
Mercury Hayes (WR)	5-11	194	Michigan	Junior
<i>Follows in the footsteps of Desmond Howard and Derrick Alexander.</i>				
Michael Adams (WR)	6-1	180	Texas	Junior
<i>Adams ranked among the nation's leaders in all-purpose yardage.</i>				
Michael Miller (WR)	5-7	157	Notre Dame	Senior
<i>Showed tremendous improvement throughout '93. Could blossom big time.</i>				
Larry Holmes (WR)	5-9	180	Virginia	Senior
<i>Can deliver a game-breaking knockout blow in a wink.</i>				
Darius Johnson (CB)	5-9	172	Oklahoma	Junior
<i>Johnson is a superb CB and great kick return specialist.</i>				
Bjorn Merten (K)	6-0	203	UCLA	Sophomore
<i>Nation's best kicker.</i>				
Dwayne Thomas (RB)	5-10	202	Virginia Tech	Junior
<i>He keyed Hokies rushing attack. A fine receiver and kick returner.</i>				
Shayne Edge (P)	5-11	174	Florida	Senior
<i>Nation's best punter.</i>				
Thomas Bailey (WR)	6-0	196	Auburn	Senior
<i>Bailey earns a mention based on consistency, agility, and durability.</i>				
Cleavon Williams (CB)	5-10	178	Oklahoma State	Senior
<i>Solid defender, can return kicks, excels on special teams coverage.</i>				
L.T. Gulley (FS)	5-11	185	Southern Miss	Senior
<i>Gulley bolsters the Eagles' secondary and is a superb special teamer.</i>				

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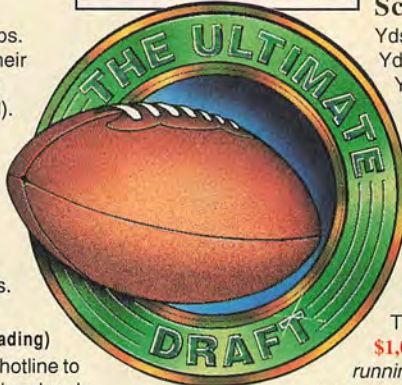
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8 ☐ W. Moon MIN 15 286		8 ☐ N. O'Donnell PIT 16 223		8 ☐ T. Thomas BUF 16 254		8 ☐ C. Warren SEA 14 174		8 ☐ A. Johnson IND 13 144	
9 ☐ S. Young SF 16 390		9 ☐ P. Simms NYG 16 216		9 ☐ R. Watters SF 13 225		9 ☐ L. White HOU 8 115		9 ☐ R. Moore PHO 15 160	
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5 ☐ A. Miller DEN 16 242		5 ☐ R. Langhorne IND 16 207		5 ☐ E. Martin NO 16 179		5 ☐ C. Hawkins TB 16 185		5 ☐ J. Hanson DET 16 130	
6 ☐ A. Reed BUF 15 176		6 ☐ H. Moore DET 15 191		6 ☐ R. Moore NYJ 13 154		6 ☐ M. Jackson NYG 15 155		6 ☐ C. Jackie GB 16 128	
7 ☐ J. Rice SF 16 351		7 ☐ R. Proehl PHO 16 199		7 ☐ M. Pritchard DEN 15 190		7 ☐ B. Jones SF 16 167		7 ☐ J. Jaeger RAI 15 132	
8 ☐ A. Rison ATL 16 300		8 ☐ S. Sharpe DEN 16 235		8 ☐ J. Taylor SF 16 183		8 ☐ R. Sanders ATL 16 140		8 ☐ E. Murray PHI 14 122	
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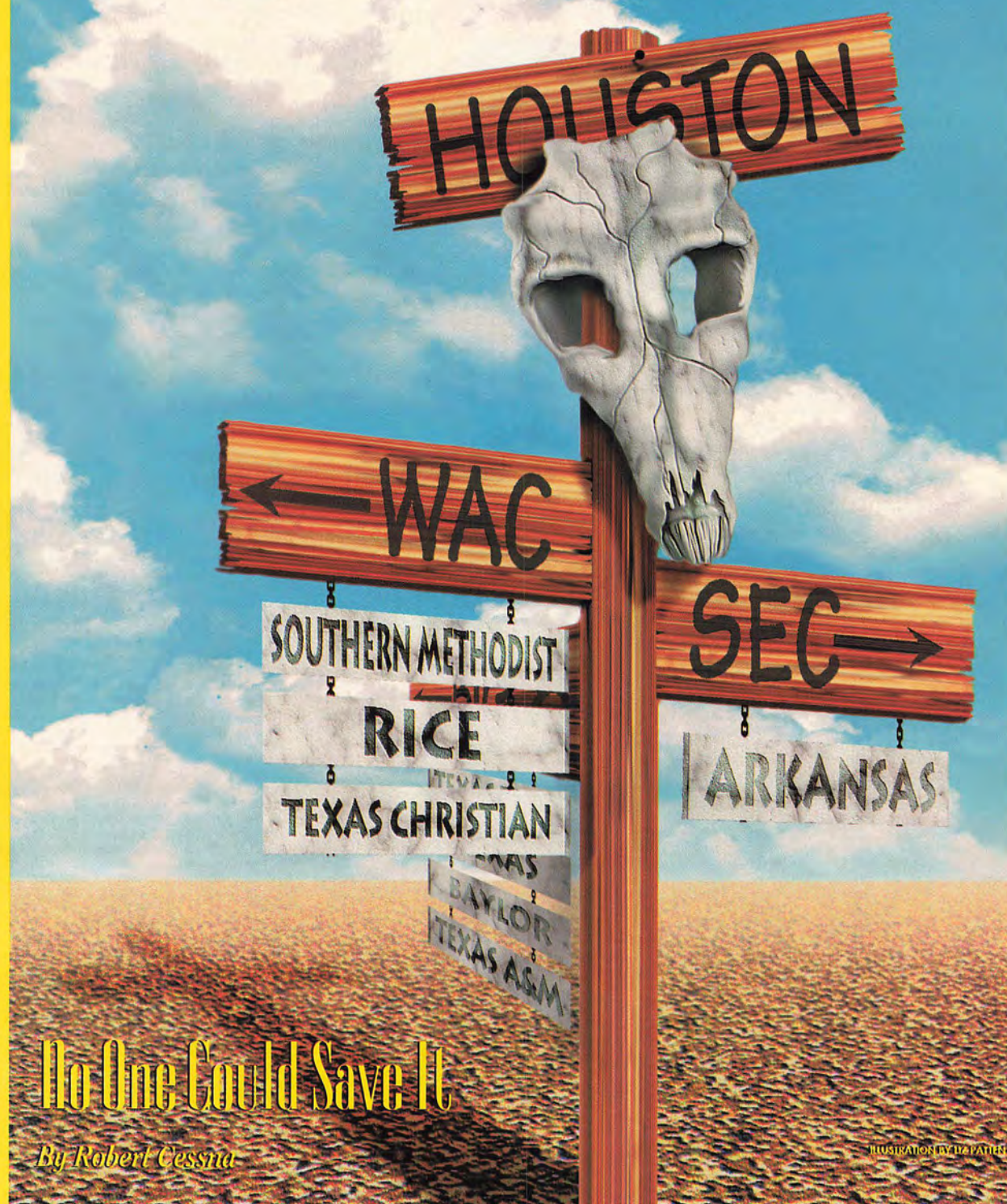
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THE DEATH OF THE SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE



No One Could Save It

By Robert Cessna

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Everyone saw it coming. It's just that no one did anything about it. Quite frankly, there was nothing anyone could do. What had been done was done. There was no turning back.

Oh sure. The Southwest Conference hired highly-touted Steve Hatchell to be its commissioner last year. He was the Boy Wonder. He would cure all of the conference's ills. As it turns out, Hatchell will go down in history as the last commissioner of the SWC.

The SWC is dead.

It becomes the first major conference to vanish as the face of college football drastically changes.

When Texas Tech, Texas A&M, Texas, and Baylor join the Big Eight and SMU, Rice, and TCU jump into the waiting arms of the Western Athletic Conference in 1996, football-SWC style will become a footnote in history. An answer in Trivial Pursuit. Can you name the last eight members of the SWC?

But what happened? How could a conference that for 79 seasons produced such legends as Doak Walker, Bobby Layne, Darrell Royal, and Earl Campbell wither up and vanish? How could Texans, who boast of the best high school football in America, watch as the state's league vanished?

For those who followed SWC football with their minds, not their hearts, the answers to who, what, when, where, and why the SWC died weren't difficult, just painful. After all, we are talking about the state's livelihood.

Who Killed the SWC?

Simple. The fans. For a state that prides itself in supporting football, they've had a tough time finding the SWC turnstiles in recent years.

Texas averaged 64,440 fans last year to lead the SWC. Those aren't Big Ten numbers, but they are Big Eight numbers. Houston, meanwhile, averaged 19,449, which are shopping mall figures. The league averaged approximately 39,000 in 1991 and only 35,000 last year.

Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum, who has been in the conference 21 seasons, said having eight major schools in one state fighting for the same fans has been a problem.

"You just don't have to go that far to see a game," Slocum said.

In the SEC and Big Eight, no more than two conference schools are in each state. Texas simply cannot support eight schools. Texas and A&M were the lone schools to average more than 35,000 fans per home contest last year.

The Big Eight didn't extend invitations to SMU, Houston, Rice, and TCU, in part, because of these distressing facts:

✓ Of SMU's all-time top 10 home crowds, only two have come after 1965.

✓ Houston, despite its flashy run-and-shoot offense and sitting in the nation's fourth-largest city, has averaged less than 25,000 fans per home game six of the last 10 seasons.

✓ Rice has averaged more than 20,000 fans per home game only four times in the past decade and only one of Rice's largest 10 home crowds has been in the last 30 years.

✓ TCU has averaged less than 30,000 fans per home game for six straight seasons.

The lack of fans has been reflected in spending and facilities. For example, Texas's athletic budget (\$19.5 million) is triple that of TCU (\$6.5 million). Texas, A&M, and Baylor have continued to upgrade athletic facilities. The others haven't been as quick to spend money. SMU, for example, plays its home games at quaint, but out-dated, Ownby Stadium, which seats 23,783.

What Killed the SWC and When Did It Die?

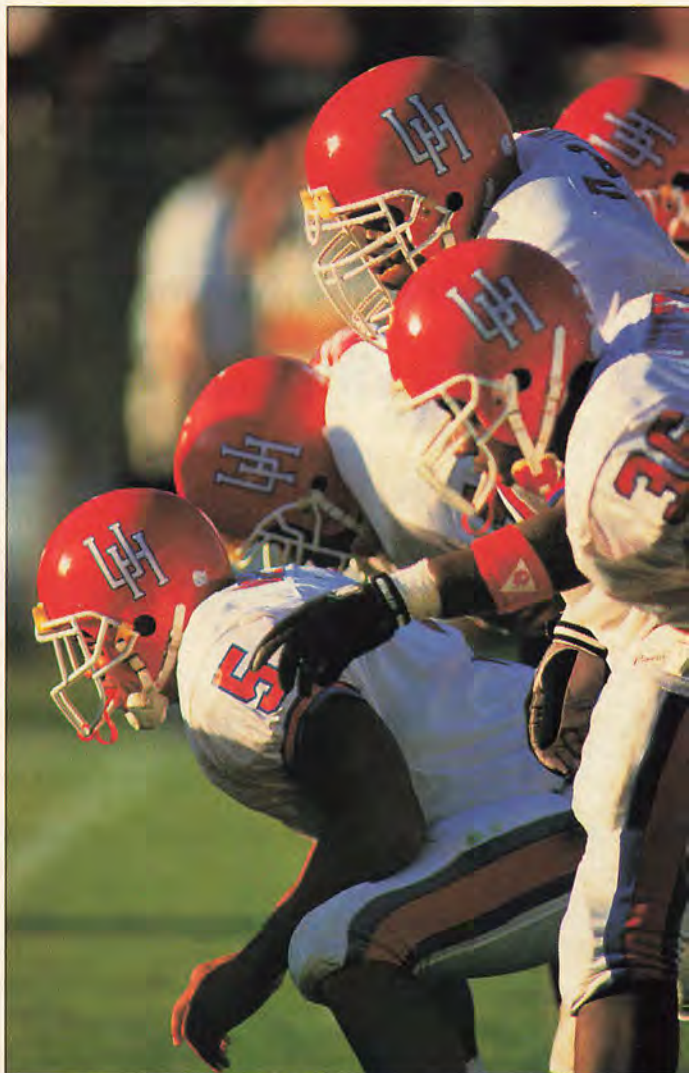
The official obituaries started appearing in the papers as regents one-by-one at Baylor, Texas Tech, Texas, and Texas A&M accepted invitations from the Big Eight in March.

But the SWC had already died a slow death. Five forms of cancer to strike the conference were:

1. The rising popularity of professional sports in Houston and Dallas. Before falling in love with Tom Landry and Bum Phillips, fans in Dallas and Houston were faithful followers of Rice, TCU, and SMU. Those three schools were major players for the SWC in the 1940s and 1950s. Rice won the title in 1946, '49, '53, and '57. TCU won it

in 1944, '51, '55, '58, and '59. SMU won in 1940, '47, and '48.

"The interest in college sports in the state of Texas, the fan base, and the tradition of the Southwest Conference made it one of the greatest conferences in the country," Arkansas athletic director Frank



THE HOUSTON COUGARS ARE THE ONLY SWC TEAM WITHOUT A CONFERENCE AFFILIATION IN 1996.

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Broyles said. "It was a wonderful experience for Arkansas to participate at that time.

"The perception (back then) was that the Southwest Conference could compete with anyone in the country. They had the financial base and the fan base. SMU, Rice, and TCU were the leaders. They had bigger stadiums than Texas or A&M.

"Then, the pros came. That cut down on the newspaper space and the time on television reports. It cut the pie into smaller slices."

Since 1960, when Texans discovered professional football, the trio of private

schools have won only four titles — all by SMU. And, three of them came just before SMU was placed on NCAA probation for a wide range of infractions.

Houston, which became a league member for the 1976 season, has had success on the field (four titles), but can't draw fans. Former Cougar athletic director Rudy Davalos, now at New Mexico, said the Cougars were only the sixth team in the Houston market behind the three profes-

Who could blame the Razorbacks or the SEC?

Coveting the Aggies, the SEC made constant overtures. "We'd love to have them," said one SEC AD just two months before the Big Eight offer. "We think they'd be perfect."

The Pac-10 and Big Ten also were mentioned as possible destinations of Texas, because of its strong commitment to academics. The SEC was ruled out, because UT

wanted to align itself with a strong academic conference. Late in the game, it was revealed that A&M even explored the possibility of heading west, also not wanting to align itself with the SEC.

4. The University of Texas, the powerful cowbell of the SWC, slipped into mediocrity. Texas is 62-50-1 in the last 10 seasons with just one Cotton Bowl berth. The Longhorns' bowl wins were against Pittsburgh and Air Force, both in the Bluebonnet Bowl, a post-season game that no longer exists. Despite A&M's success under Jackie Sherrill, and now Slocum, several people in the nation still judge the SWC by the way Texas plays.

Slocum says all that Arkansas-Texas and glory days talk is mis-

leading. He said the conference wasn't that great to start with. When Arkansas and Texas were national powers, the rest were SWC also-rans for the most part. The facts back him up.

From 1960 until 1976, the Razorbacks and Longhorns finished in the *Associated Press* final Top 10 poll 17 times; the rest of the conference just twice. In the last 11 seasons, the conference has had just six Top 10 finishes. By comparison, the Big Eight has had 13, the Big Ten has 17, and the SEC 22.

5. Television. Television. Did anyone say television? The magic box killed the conference at every turn. First the courts ruled that each conference was free to negotiate its own deals in 1984, giving the impetus for conferences to add stronger teams — i.e., the Big Ten adding Penn State — which adds up to more TV bucks. The SEC countered with the addition of Arkansas and South Carolina and even the basketball-powerful Atlantic Coast Conference had the insight to add Florida State. The SWC did nothing.

Also, the power of television put the successful programs of Notre Dame, Florida State, Miami, and UCLA in the home of every high school hero from Lubbock to Victoria. Blue-chippers started leaving the state with regularity, a practice that

continues today. Twenty-five players on the *Austin American-Statesman's* Fabulous 55 signed with out-of-state schools this year.

Slocum said schools outside the conference used the NCAA probes at TCU, SMU, A&M, and Houston to raid the state's talent. TCU, SMU, and Houston obviously haven't recovered. The trio signed just two of the *Statesman's* Fab 55.

Where Did the SWC Die?

One day in a hotel room in Kansas City, someone from the Big Eight suggested that the conference gain the spoils from the SWC's demise.

This meeting could have taken place in Birmingham, Ala., or Seattle, Wash. Let's face it, you have to give the Big Eight credit for having the initiative.

Maybe he had a degree in finance and understood bank failings where the highest bidder is awarded the failed bank, adding only the assets to his portfolio. What a deal. The rich get richer and the poor wither up.

Baylor, Texas, A&M, and Tech are bubbling about the prospects in the Big Eight, whether it be football, basketball, baseball, or softball.

Rice, TCU, and SMU are excited about joining Nevada-Las Vegas, Tulsa, and San Jose State in the expanding WAC. The additions, announced in late April, give the WAC 16 teams and makes it the largest conference in the country.

The Houston Cougars are the only SWC team without a conference affiliation in 1996 and unless someone like the SEC comes calling, the Cougars could face a lonely existence as an independent.

Why Did the SWC Die?

The new 12-member Big Eight signed a \$100 million television package with ABC Sports and Liberty Sports, Inc. The five-year deal is the richest in college football history.

Missouri, thought to be interested in the Big Ten, and Colorado, with an eye toward the Pac-10, will be happy to stay put. Teams like Iowa State and Kansas State, hardly football powers, will benefit from the merger and TV money. They'll survive in the changing face of big-time athletics. The same goes for Vanderbilt in the SEC and Northwestern in the Big Ten.

Rice, TCU, and SMU — great academic institutions — couldn't sell themselves to the Big Eight, but are looking forward to a thriving relationship in the WAC.

Meanwhile, the Houston Cougars are left holding the SWC bag and asking, "Where did everybody go?" □

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sional teams, Texas, and Texas A&M. In recent years, the biggest home games for Houston, Rice, SMU, and TCU have been the Aggies and Longhorns.

2. Having eight schools competing for the same players in one state took its toll in the 1980s with vicious scandals scrutinized by the media for almost a decade. The crunching blow was SMU's death penalty in 1986. SMU has never fully recovered.

"All those NCAA things really adversely affected the conference," Slocum said.

3. Arkansas' decision to leave for the Southeastern Conference in 1990 rocked the foundation of the SWC. It left the SWC a one-state conference and created a sense of uncertainty that never truly subsided.

Some thought Texas and Texas A&M would follow Arkansas' lead, gutting the SWC. State legislatures rallied to keep Texas and A&M put. In a joint statement, the presidents at UT and A&M issued statements of conditions that had to be improved if the two mega powers were to remain the backbone of the SWC. Most thought it was a temporary stay of execution for the conference.

"We really didn't know what was going to happen to the Southwest Conference," Broyles said. "We didn't know what A&M and Texas were going to do. When we got the chance, we went."

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RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS

TOP RETURNING DIVISION 1-A PLAYERS AND 1993 RANKING

SCORING

NAME	SCHOOL	'93 RANK	TD	PAT	FG	Pts
CAMPBELL	Boston College	3	21	0	0	126
REEVES	Nevada	4	17	0	0	102
SMALL	Cincinnati	4	17	0	0	102
CHAPMAN	California	6	17	0	0	102
STOKES	UCLA	6	17	0	0	102
YARBOROUGH	Wyoming	8	16	2	0	98
BECKSVOORT	Tennessee	10	0	59	12	95
MAHONEY	Fresno State	11	0	51	14	93
PARKMAN	Georgia	12	0	35	19	92
JOHNSON	North Carolina	13	16	4	0	100

RECEIVING

NAME	SCHOOL	'93 RANK	No	YARDS	TD	REC/G
PENN	Tulsa	1	105	1578	12	9.55
REEVES	Nevada	2	91	1362	17	9.10
STEPHENS	Nevada	3	80	1062	7	7.27
HUNTER	Georgia	4	76	970	9	6.91
BRUCE	Memphis State	6	74	1054	10	6.73
DUSHO	Kent	7	72	890	1	6.55
MORTON	USC	8	78	1373	12	6.50
LEE	Utah State	9	70	715	5	6.36
JONES	Wyoming	10	69	763	5	6.27
WEAVER	Maryland	10	69	606	2	6.27

PUNT RETURNS

NAME	SCHOOL	'93 RANK	No	YARDS	AVG	TD
GLENN	Texas A&M	1	17	339	19.94	2
SUMMERS	Tennessee	2	18	255	14.17	1
GISSENDANER	Northwestern	3	16	223	13.94	0
GUMINA	Mississippi State	4	13	180	13.85	1
COLEMAN	Kansas State	5	27	362	13.41	1

KICKOFF RETURNS

NAME	SCHOOL	'93 RANK	No	YARDS	TD	AVG
McELROY	Texas A&M	1	15	590	3	39.33
HEWITT	Cincinnati	2	14	441	1	31.50
ANDERSON	Brigham Young	3	19	568	1	29.89
COLEMAN	Kansas State	4	15	434	0	28.93
JACKSON	Florida	5	17	480	1	28.24

INTERCEPTIONS

NAME	SCHOOL	'93 RANK	No	YARDS	TD	INT/G
THOMAS	Southwestern LA	1	9	84	1	0.82
BRIDGES	Louisville	2	7	184	2	0.64
BRICE	Mississippi	2	7	98	2	0.64
LANGHAM	Alabama	2	7	67	1	0.64
JENSEN	San Jose State	2	7	60	0	0.64
BOYD	Utah	6	6	126	1	0.60

RUSHING

NAME	SCHOOL	'93 RANK	ATT	YARDS	AVG	TD
JOHNSON	Northern Illinois	1	327	1976	6.0	12
MOSS	Wisconsin	3	276	1479	5.4	14
RIVERS	Fresno State	4	216	1440	6.7	14
SMITH	East Carolina	6	278	1352	4.9	9
KAUFMAN	Washington	7	226	1299	5.7	14
SMALL	Cincinnati	8	223	1180	5.3	17

FIELD GOALS

NAME	SCHOOL	'93 RANK	FG	FGA	Pct	FG/G
PROCTOR	Alabama	1	22	29	.759	1.83
MERTEN	UCLA	2	20	25	.800	1.82
MORREALE	Utah State	3	19	27	.704	1.73
PARKMAN	Georgia	3	19	27	.704	1.73
BAKER	Arizona State	5	18	26	.692	1.64
DALLEN	Cincinnati	6	17	22	.773	1.55

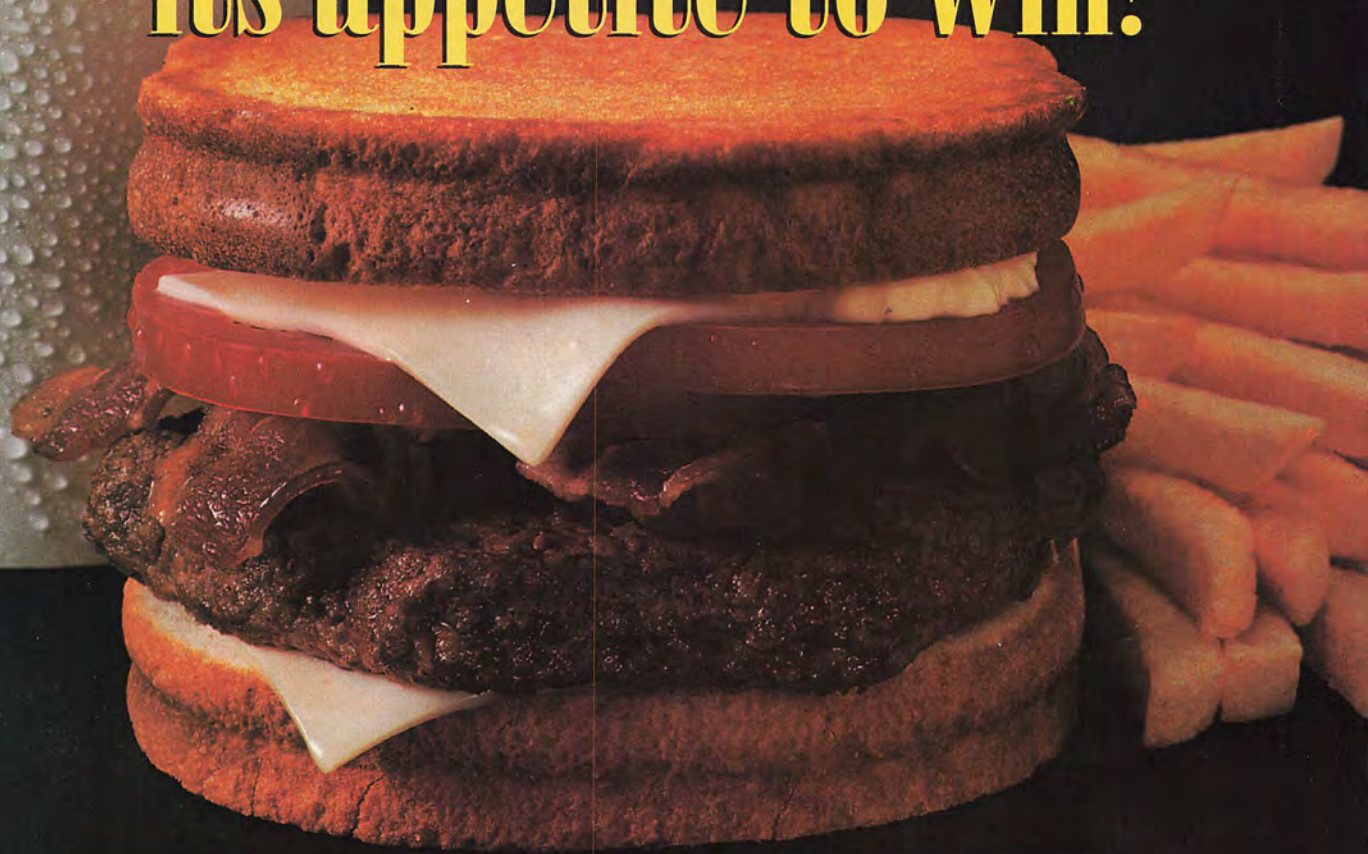
PUNTING

NAME	SCHOOL	'93 RANK	No	YARDS	AVG
MacINNIS	Air Force	1	49	2303	47.0
DANIEL	Auburn	2	51	2393	46.9
NESBITT	New Mexico	3	53	2387	45.0
FAUNCE	Nevada-Las Vegas	4	61	2745	45.0
O'NEILL	Syracuse	5	44	1950	44.3
MILANOVICH	Maryland	6	50	2189	43.8

PASSING EFFICIENCY

NAME	SCHOOL	'93 RANK	ATT	COMP	Pct	YARDS	Yds/ATT	TD	INT	INT Pct	RATING
BARR	California	2	275	187	68.00	2619	9.52	21	12	4.36	164.5
BEVELL	Wisconsin	3	256	177	69.14	2294	8.96	19	10	3.91	161.1
WARD	Florida State	4	380	264	69.47	3032	7.98	27	4	1.05	157.8
DeSHAZO	Virginia Tech	5	230	129	56.09	2080	9.57	22	7	3.04	157.5
FOLEY	Boston College	7	363	222	61.16	3397	9.36	25	10	2.75	157.0
VARGAS	Nevada	8	490	331	67.55	4265	8.70	34	18	3.67	156.2

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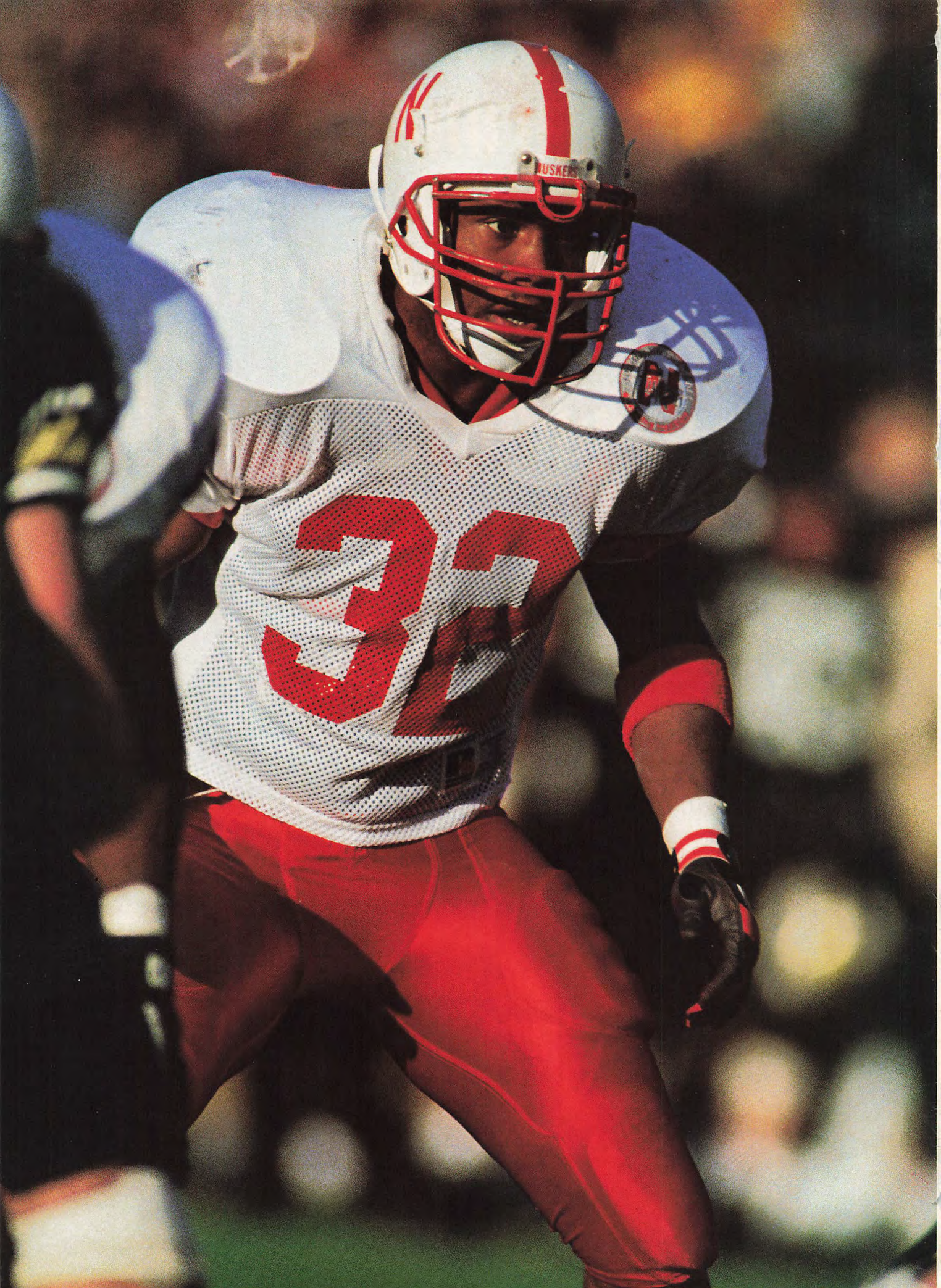
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NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS

HUSKERS TAKE SOLACE IN ORANGE BOWL NEAR-MISS

By Eric Olson



January's near-miss against national champion Florida State in the Orange Bowl has college football observers saying the Cornhuskers are back.

But All-Big Eight cornerback Barron Miles says they never went away.

"We've had good teams, and we've won the Big Eight three years in a row," Miles said. "People have to realize that the Big Eight is getting a lot better. Colorado and Oklahoma are good. And Kansas State isn't a sorry team anymore. It means a lot to win that league, but people don't give us credit for it."

National respect didn't return until the Huskers put a scare into the Seminoles, who escaped with an 18-16 Orange Bowl win, but only after Byron Bennett's 41-yard field goal attempt on the game's final play hooked to the left. It's that close call against FSU that fuels the Huskers as they prepare to make another run for a national championship.

"I've caught myself in the middle of the night waking up and swinging at the air," center Aaron Graham said. "God, we were so close."

"I try not to think about that game," Miles said, "but when it comes up, you can't help but go, 'Dang!'"

Junior Tommie Frazier, who'll be the Huskers' first three-year starter at quarterback since Steve Taylor in 1988, said the Orange Bowl was a giant step forward.

"When you look back from the first day it was announced we were going to play Florida State, people said they would blow us out," Frazier said. "What happened in that game showed us that if we put our

heads together and be determined to win, that there is virtually no one out there who can beat us.

"We may have played the best game by a Nebraska team since maybe 1983. We impressed a lot of people with our performance. We shouldn't hold our heads down for anyone."

If the Huskers don't slip anywhere on their 12-game schedule — which starts against West Virginia in the Kickoff Classic — the players already have the ending of their season all figured out.

"We want to play Florida State in the Orange Bowl again for the national title," Miles said.

NEBRASKA AT A GLANCE

Team Strengths: Offensive backfield and inside linebackers. Starting offensive line, starting outside linebackers, and starting receivers.

Possible Weaknesses: Depth at quarterback, cornerback, and defensive line.

Key Losses: Trev Alberts, OLB; Calvin Jones, ILB; Corey Dixon, SE; Gerald Armstrong, TE; Lance Lundberg, OT; Ken Mehlin, G/C; Kevin Ramaekers, DT; Bruce Moore, OLB; Ernie Beler, SLB; Mike Anderson, MLB; Toby Wright, ROV; John Reece, FS; Byron Bennet, PK/P.

Players to Watch: Tommie Frazier, QB; Lawrence Phillips, ILB; Cory Schlesinger, FB; Abdul Muhammad, WB; Rob Zatechka, OT; Aaron Graham, C; Brenden Stai, G; Zach Wiegert, OT; Terry Connealy, NT; Donta Jones, OLB; Dwayne Harris, OLB; Ed Stewart, WLB; Troy Dumas, SLB; Barron Miles, LCB.

"If we're the two best teams at the end," Frazier said, "let's do it again."

Graham said that mind-set is different from the one he remembers during the past two seasons. When he was a redshirt freshman, he said, the goal was to be Big Eight champion.

"We knew we could be good," Graham said. "But we didn't know how good. Last year we knew we were going to be good again. But it was more of a feeling that we knew we could get there, but it would be the first time in a while to play for the whole thing."

"Now we're sure we can be national champions. We're going to do everything we can this season to bring home the trophy because we've got a taste of what it's like."

Frazier says the Huskers realize there still may be naysayers out there. For that reason, he said, they'll have to prove themselves every week.

How will that be done?

"By having no mercy on people," Frazier said. "Last year, a couple of times, we knew we were supposed to win a game, and we backed off a little."

"Things like that led to a lot of questions about whether we should be No. 1. If we go beat teams handily like we should, people won't have doubts about us."

With Frazier entering his third year as starter, quarterback would appear to be the least of coach Tom Osborne's worries as Nebraska starts the season. But a shortage of experience, caused by the position switch of former No. 2 quarterback Tony Veland and the transfer of Ben Rutz, has made Osborne nervous. Just three scholarship quarterbacks, including true freshman Jon Elder of Sioux City, Iowa, reported to fall camp.

"We're going to be holding our breath, I'm sure, all year," Osborne said.

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NO.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
7	Dave Alderman	CB	Fr.	5-10	180	Omaha
36	Leonard Alexander	LB	Sr.	6-1	230	Detroit, MI
88	Eric Alford	TE	Sr.	6-4	225	Highpoint, NC
80	Jacques Allen	TE	Jr.	6-2	200	Kansas City, MO
7	Eric Anderson	OT	Fr.	6-4	295	Lincoln
87	Larry Arnold	OLB	So.	6-5	215	Copley, OH
	Scott Athy	DB	Fr.	6-0	185	Fremont
9	Dennis Bailey	FS	So.	6-2	175	St. Louis, MO
7	Reggie Baul	SE	Jr.	5-8	160	Bellevue
21	Damon Benning	IB	So.	5-11	200	Omaha
18	Brook Berringer	QB	Jr.	6-4	205	Goodland, KS
11	Chad Blahak	CB	So.	5-10	180	Lincoln
19	Chad Brouse	FS	So.	5-11	190	Lincoln
47	Clint Brown	SLB	Sr.	6-1	205	Arlington
	Lance Brown	SE	Fr.	5-11	175	Papillion
	Anthony Byers	OT	Fr.	6-0	290	Cupertino, CA
	Tim Carpenter	TE	Fr.	6-2	220	Columbus
61	Bobby Caskey	OT	Sr.	6-4	270	Stanton
26	Clinton Childs	IB	Jr.	6-0	200	Omaha
17	Sedric Collins	FS	Sr.	6-0	195	Slidell, LA
46	Doug Colman	MLB	Jr.	6-3	230	Ventnor, NJ
99	Terry Connealy	DT	Sr.	6-5	275	Hyannis
17	Scott Davenport	IB	Sr.	5-8	175	Rye Brook, NY
83	Aaron Davis	SE	So.	5-11	175	Lincoln
	Leslie Dennis	CB	Fr.	5-8	160	Brandonton, FL
	Dave DiPiero	DT	Fr.	6-2	270	Red Bank, NJ
75	Chris Dishman	OT	So.	6-4	300	Cozad
4	Troy Dumas	SLB	Sr.	6-4	220	Cheyenne, WY
41	Phil Ellis	WLB	Jr.	6-2	220	Grand Island
	Darin Erstad	P/PK	So.	6-2	195	Jamestown, ND
24	Jason Fisher	SLB	Sr.	6-1	220	Antioch, IN
15	Tommie Frazier	QB	Jr.	6-2	200	Brandonton, FL
	Sean Gard	OLB	Fr.	6-0	200	Omaha
59	Joel Gesky	OT	Sr.	6-2	295	Midlothian, IL
87	Mark Gillman	TE	Jr.	6-3	240	Kalispell, MT
54	Aaron Graham	C	Jr.	6-3	285	Denton, TX
58	Luther Hardin	OLB	Jr.	6-2	230	O'Fallon, IL
86	Dwayne Harris	OLB	Sr.	6-2	229	Bessemer, AL
51	Jon Hesse	LB	So.	6-4	230	Lincoln
92	Jerad Higman	OLB	Sr.	6-1	220	Akron, IA
89	Erich Hohl	TE	Sr.	6-3	220	Gering
86	Brendan Holbein	SE	So.	5-9	175	Cozad
51	Bill Humphrey	C	Sr.	6-2	260	Libertyville, IL
96	Jason Jenkins	DT	Jr.	6-4	255	Hammonilton, NJ
18	Jeremy Jensen	P/DB	Jr.	6-2	180	Grand Island
33	Clester Johnson	WR	Jr.	5-11	200	Bellevue
84	Donta Jones	OLB	Sr.	6-2	220	La Plata, MD
	Jesse Kosch	P	Fr.	6-0	175	Columbus
	Robert Lake	WR	Fr.	6-4	200	Columbus
	Mike Lesser	OT	Fr.	6-4	275	Pierce
19	Jeff Makovicka	FB	Jr.	5-10	200	Brainard
49	John Martin	LB	Sr.	6-2	230	Wahoo

NO.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
91	Melvin McPhaul	TE	Jr.	6-1	220	Omaha
26	Keith Mercer	CB	Sr.	5-11	175	Capital Heights, MD
78	Kory Mikos	OT	So.	6-5	260	Seward
14	Barron Miles	CB	Sr.	5-8	160	Roselle, NJ
10	Mike Minter	Row	So.	5-10	175	Lawton, OK
42	Ed Morrow	OLB	So.	6-5	225	Ferguson, MO
1	Kareem Moss	CB	Sr.	5-10	190	Spartanburg, SC
27	Abdul Muhammad	WB	Sr.	5-9	160	Compton, CA
	Vinnie Murphy	QB	Fr.	6-2	180	Colorado Springs, CO
92	Merritt Nelson	TE	Jr.	6-4	205	Fremont
38	Chris Norris	FB	Jr.	5-10	215	Papillion
74	Brian Nunns	OT	Jr.	6-2	280	Lincoln
97	Jeff Ogard	DT	So.	6-6	300	St. Paul
89	Jeff Olsen	OLB	So.	6-2	210	Grant
69	Steve Ott	OG	Jr.	6-4	260	Henderson
53	Jon Pederson	C	Sr.	6-2	260	Grand Island
52	Aaron Penland	LB	Jr.	6-1	215	Jacksonville, FL
57	Jason Pesterfield	DT	Sr.	6-3	250	Pauls Valley, OK
55	Christian Peter	DT	Jr.	6-2	285	Locust, NJ
1	Lawrence Phillips	IB	So.	6-0	200	West Covina, CA
80	Brett Popplewell	SE	Jr.	6-0	200	Melbourne, Austr.
65	Bryan Pruitt	OG	Jr.	6-1	265	Midlothian, IL
39	Mike Roberts	Row	So.	6-1	160	Omaha
74	Scott Saltsman	NT	So.	6-2	250	Wichita Falls
40	Cory Schlesinger	FB	Sr.	6-0	225	Duncan
28	Damon Schmadeke	IB	Jr.	5-8	190	Albion
37	Darren Schmadeke	CB	Jr.	5-8	175	Albion
36	Brian Schuster	FB	So.	5-11	215	Fullerton
94	T.J. Scribner	TE	So.	6-3	220	Omaha
85	Matt Shaw	TE	Sr.	6-3	230	Lincoln
12	Tom Sieler	PK	Sr.	6-5	210	Las Vegas, NV
33	Jason Simdoro	Row	Sr.	6-4	190	Danabrag
47	Marvin Simms	IB	So.	5-9	190	Apple Valley, MN
42	Mike Smith	FB	So.	6-2	215	Dunning
66	Brenden Stai	OG	Sr.	6-4	300	Yorba Linda, CA
43	Chad Stanley	FB	Jr.	5-11	200	Lebanon, KS
32	Ed Stewart	LB	Sr.	6-1	215	Chicago, IL
16	Eric Stokes	CB	Sr.	5-11	170	Lincoln
91	Ryan Tewilliger	LB	So.	6-5	210	Grant
82	Jared Tovich	DT	So.	6-2	260	St. John, IN
94	Larry Townsend	DT	So.	6-5	300	San Jose, CA
58	Adam Cicu	OT	So.	6-6	275	Lincoln
11	Matt Turman	QB	So.	5-11	165	Wahoo
31	Jon Vedral	WB	So.	5-11	185	Gregory, SD
9	Tony Veland	FS	Jr.	6-1	200	Omaha, NE
68	Steve Volin	OG	Jr.	6-2	280	Wahoo
52	Matt Vrzal	C	So.	6-1	295	Grand Island
3	Riley Washington	SE	So.	5-9	165	Chula Vista, CA
72	Zach Wiegert	OT	Sr.	6-5	300	Fremont
81	Duane Wiles	SE	Sr.	6-1	205	Hyattsville, MD
76	Joel Wilks	OG	Sr.	6-3	275	Hastings
18	Trampis Wrice	CB	So.	5-9	160	Valdosta, GA
56	Rob Zatechka	OG	Sr.	6-5	300	Lincoln

CORNHUSKERS STATISTICS

PASSING

NAME	ATT	COMP	YARDS	PCT	TD	INT
Frazier	162	77	1159	47.5	12	4
Berringer	27	17	222	63.0	2	1

RUSHING

NAME	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	TD
Jones	185	1043	5.6	64	12
Frazier	126	704	5.6	58	9
Phillips	92	508	5.5	46	5

RECEIVING

NAME	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	TD
Muhammad	25	383	15.3	41	3
Dixon	17	320	18.8	60	2
Bell	12	187	15.6	33	2
Armstrong	11	145	13.2	31	5

TACKLES

Alberts (96), Wright (79),
Stewart (79), Anderson (66),
Reece (58), Miles (50), Ramaekers (48)

INTERCEPTIONS

Wright (3), Moss (1), Stokes (1), Williams (1),
Reece (1), Miles (1), Beler (1), Stewart (1)

COACH: TOM OSBORNE

206-47-3, 21 years; 206-47-3 overall, 21 years

1993 Record: 7-0/1st; 11-0 overall

Stadium: Memorial Stadium (73,650)

CORNHUSKERS OFFENSE

NUMBER	QUARTERBACK	YEAR
15	Tommie Frazier*	Junior
18	Brook Berringer	Junior
NUMBER	I-BACK	YEAR
1	Lawrence Phillips	Sophomore
21	Damon Benning	Sophomore
NUMBER	FULLBACK	YEAR
40	Cory Schlesinger*	Senior
19	Jeff Makovicka	Junior
NUMBER	WINGBACK	YEAR
27	Abdul Muhammad*	Senior
33	Clester Johnson	Junior
NUMBER	SPLIT END	YEAR
7	Reggie Baul	Junior
80	Brett Popplewell	Junior
NUMBER	TIGHT END	YEAR
85	Matt Shaw	Senior
87	Mark Gilman	Junior
NUMBER	LEFT TACKLE	YEAR
56	Rob Zatechka*	Senior
75	Chris Dishman	Sophomore
NUMBER	LEFT GUARD	YEAR
76	Joel Wilks	Senior
69	Steve Ott	Junior
NUMBER	CENTER	YEAR
54	Aaron Graham*	Junior
51	Bill Humphrey	Senior
NUMBER	RIGHT GUARD	YEAR
66	Brendan Stai*	Senior
65	Bryan Pruitt	Junior
NUMBER	RIGHT TACKLE	YEAR
72	Zach Wiegert*	Senior
77	Eric Anderson	Freshman

*Returning starter

CORNHUSKERS DEFENSE

NUMBER	LEFT END	YEAR
57	Jason Pesterfield	Senior
94	Larry Townsend	Sophomore
NUMBER	NOSE GUARD	YEAR
99	Terry Connealy*	Senior
55	Christian Peter	Junior
NUMBER	OUTSIDE LINEBACKER	YEAR
84	Donta Jones	Senior
92	Jerad Higman	Senior
NUMBER	STRONG SIDE LINEBACKER	YEAR
4	Troy Dumas	Senior
47	Clint Brown	Senior
NUMBER	MIDDLE LINEBACKER	YEAR
46	Doug Colman	Junior
41	Phil Ellis	Junior
NUMBER	INSIDE LINEBACKER	YEAR
32	Ed Stewart*	Senior
91	Ryan Tewilliger	Sophomore
NUMBER	OUTSIDE LINEBACKER	YEAR
86	Dwayne Harris*	Senior
58	Luther Hardin	Junior
NUMBER	CORNERBACK	YEAR
14	Barron Miles*	Senior
1	Kareem Moss	Senior
NUMBER	CORNERBACK	YEAR
16	Eric Stokes	Sophomore
37	Darren Schmadeke	Junior
NUMBER	ROVER	YEAR
10	Mike Minter	Sophomore
7	David Alderman	Sophomore
NUMBER	FREE SAFETY	YEAR
17	Sedric Collins	Senior
	Matt Aden	Freshman

The 6-2, 200-pound Frazier, who has started 16 straight games and two Orange Bowls, earned second-team All-Big Eight honors last season and was the only sophomore among 10 semifinalists for the prestigious Davey O'Brien Quarterback Award.

He was the Huskers' second-leading rusher with 704 yards and nine touchdowns on 126 carries (5.6-yard average). He completed 77 of 162 passes, with four interceptions, for 1,159 yards and 12 scores.

Frazier, who has a history of ankle problems, is backed up by junior Brook Berringer, who appeared in 10 games last season. The 6-4, 205-pound Berringer ran 10 times for 15 yards and hit 17 of 27 passes for 222 yards and two TDs with one interception.

The concern with Berringer is chronic soreness in his right (throwing) elbow. Osborne said it will be important for Berringer to manage the condition.

"The main thing is to make sure he doesn't go over the hump to where it's so sore he'll need a lengthy rest," the coach said. "It's a matter of him using good judgment."

Of course, if Frazier and Berringer stay healthy, the Huskers' offense will be in good hands.

"As Frazier and Berringer have gotten more experience, it has given us leeway to do more things well," Osborne said. "We have the full gamut — fullhouse backfield, power I, one-back, shotgun. There is hardly any style of offense we're not capable of running."

The quarterback spot became depleted when Rutz transferred to Northeast Oklahoma A&M Junior College after the season and Osborne granted Veland's request to switch to safety.

With Frazier at the controls, there's no reason why the Huskers, with six

other offensive starters back, can't duplicate the numbers posted by last year's team. NU's average of 425 yards a game ranked 23rd nationally. Most of that came from a Big Eight-leading rushing attack that averaged 288 yards and was third nationally.

The I-back spot should be of little concern, even though Calvin Jones, the three-

is sophomore Marvin Sims, who is coming back from reconstructive knee surgery.

Cory Schlesinger will be the second-year starter at fullback. Known primarily for his blocking, Schlesinger raised eyebrows in spring drills for his improved running ability. Schlesinger will be backed up by junior Jeff Makovicka, who switched from I-back last season.

As usual, the Huskers are well-stacked up front. Four starters return on the offensive line — senior left tackle Rob Zatechka, junior center Aaron Graham, senior right guard Brenden Stai, and senior right tackle Zach Wiegert.

The 6-4, 300-pound Stai, who replaced 1992 Outland and Lombardi Award winner Will Shields, had started seven games before breaking his fibula against Missouri. He came back for the Orange Bowl against Florida State and is fully recovered for the start of this season.

The Huskers lost their top two tight ends in Gerald Armstrong and Trumane Bell. Senior Matt Shaw and junior Mark Gilman, are numbers 1 and 2 at that position. Senior Eric Alford, a wingback last year, also figures



THE 6-2, 200-POUND FRAZIER, WHO HAS STARTED 16 STRAIGHT GAMES AND TWO ORANGE BOWLS, EARNED SECOND-TEAM ALL-BIG EIGHT HONORS LAST SEASON AND WAS THE ONLY SOPHOMORE AMONG 10 SEMIFINALISTS FOR THE PRESTIGIOUS DAVEY O'BRIEN QUARTERBACK AWARD.

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time Big Eight rushing champion and NU's No. 2 all-time rusher, left after his junior year to try pro football.

Sophomore Lawrence Phillips, who dazzled in the Orange Bowl with 64 yards on 13 carries, is the heir apparent to Jones' starting job. Phillips started raising eyebrows early in his freshman year. In his first appearance, against Texas Tech, he ran 14 times for 80 yards and a touchdown. The next week, against UCLA at the Rose Bowl, he came off the bench to pile up 137 yards and a score on 28 totes.

Phillips has plenty of talent lined up behind him. Sophomore Damon Benning and junior Clinton Childs is back, and so

to see action at tight end.

Wingback appears solid with the return of senior Abdul Muhammad, who led all NU receivers with 25 catches for 383 yards and three TDs. Junior Clester Johnson, who has played at least two other positions in his first three years in the program, has shown he's at home at wingback and figures to have the ball in his hands more this season.

Two-year starter Corey Dixon is gone at split end, but there should be little, if any, dropoff with Reggie Baul, Brett Popplewell, and Riley Washington coming back. Baul made seven catches for 116 yards last season, not including a

CORNHUSKERS RECRUITING

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Ted BUTLER OL	6-1, 240	Lincoln	Southeast
Helped team to two state titles and one runner-up finish... <i>Lincoln Journal Star</i> Super State center as a junior, and Defensive Player of the Year as a senior.			
Tray CRAYTON DB	6-2, 195	Oceanside, CA	El Camino
As a senior, intercepted six passes and had more than 100 tackles... As starting quarterback, rushed for 893 yards and 12 scores, and passed for 857 yards.			
Constantine DUMITRESCU OL	6-5, 300	Hayward, CA	Moreau
<i>Long Beach Press-Telegram</i> Best of the West... Second-team All-County... All-East Bay... <i>BLUECHIP</i> Dream Team... Played tight end as sophomore and junior.			
Jon ELDER QB	6-3, 195	Sioux City, IA	West
<i>Des Moines Register</i> Elite Team... Completed 91 of 172 passes for 1,481 yards and 12 scores as a senior... Rushed for 400 yards and four touchdowns... All-State.			
Darin ERSTAD P/K	6-2, 195	Jamestown, ND	Jamestown
<i>Associated Press</i> North Dakota Athlete of the Year in 1992... Named first-team All-State in four sports (football, hockey, track, baseball)... As a senior, had 42-yard punting average and hit seven of 10 field goal attempts, including school-record 50-yarder.			
Jay FOREMAN RB/DB	6-3, 195	Eden Prairie, MN	Eden Prairie
As a senior, rushed for 950 yards and 14 scores, had 421 reception yards, and 200 kickoff return yards... Completed three of four passes for 182 yards and three scores... Had 43 tackles, two interceptions and two fumbles caused... <i>SuperPrep</i> All-American... Two-time All-State.			
Sheldon JACKSON TE	6-3, 205	Diamond Bar, CA	Damien
Caught 18 passes for 238 yards and four touchdowns as a senior... <i>Long Beach Press-Telegram</i> Best in the West list... Averaged 10 points and 10 rebounds in basketball.			
Brian KNUCKLES RB	5-11, 195	Charlotte, NC	Coffeyville (KS) C. C.
Rushed for 3,087 yards and 37 touchdowns in two seasons at Coffeyville... Averaged 140.3 yards per game... Jayhawk Conference Most Valuable Player... First-team junior college All-American as a freshman and second-team as a sophomore.			
John LIVINGSTON WR	6-0, 175	San Marcos, CA	Arizona State
Transfer from Arizona State... Caught 55 passes for almost 1,000 yards and 11 scores at Palomar (CA) Community College... Returned three punts for touchdowns... Helped lead Palomar to national title... All-League in high school.			
Octavious McFARLIN DB	6-0, 180	Bastrop, TX	Bastrop
Three-year starter... All-Central Texas... Led the state with 166 total tackles as a senior... Had five sacks, three fumble recoveries and one interception... Had 39.1 punting average... Two-year All-District.			

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
David REDDICK WR/RB	5-10, 175	Camden, NJ	Woodrow Wilson
Caught 15 passes for 196 yards as a senior... Rushed 61 times for 606 yards and 15 touchdowns... <i>Philadelphia Inquirer</i> second-team All-South Jersey.			
Dorrick ROY TE	6-4, 220	Inglewood, CA	Montclair Prep
<i>SuperPrep</i> All-American... Caught 27 passes for 500 yards and three scores as a senior... <i>Long Beach Press-Telegram</i> Best in the West list... All-League... Outstanding blocker, offense ran behind him 80 percent of the time.			
Mike RUCKER LB	6-6, 225	St. Joseph, MO	Benton
All-State tight end with more than 400 yards in pass receptions... Team's leading tackler with 145 total stops... Placed fourth in state shot put.			
Travis TOLINE LB	6-4, 220	Wahoo	Wahoo
Had 50 solo tackles and 28 assists in eight games as a senior... Had six sacks, seven tackles for losses, two fumbles recovered, one safety and one interception for a touchdown... Long snapper... All-State... All-State basketball player as three-year starter for state champs.			
Brandt WADE OL	6-3, 275	Springfield	Platteview
<i>Omaha World Herald</i> and <i>Lincoln Journal Star</i> All-State... Honorable mention USA Today All-American... As a senior, had 72 tackles, including six sacks, two fumble recoveries and four fumbles caused... Top-ranked heavyweight wrestler... Two-time state qualifier in golf.			
Eric WARFIELD WR/DB	6-1, 175	Texarkana, AR	Arkansas
As a senior, had seven interceptions, 47 tackles, one blocked punt, three fumbles caused... Caught 12 passes for 312 yards and eight scores... Two-time All-Conference... State titlest high jumper... Leading scorer and rebounder on basketball team.			
Shevin WIGGINS DB/RB	5-11, 170	Palmetto, FL	Manatee
State Offensive Player of the Year... Had 2,267 rushing yards and 32 touchdowns as a senior, and 1,600 yards rushing as a junior... Averaged 150 rushing in five playoff games... Outstanding kick returner.			
Jason WILTZ DT	6-4, 280	New Orleans, LA	St. Augustine
<i>SuperPrep</i> All-American... Honorable mention USA Today All-American... District Most Valuable Player... Had 76 tackles, including 12 sacks and 11 tackles for losses, in 1993... Rated No. 4 defensive lineman nationally by <i>SuperPrep</i>			
Grant WISTROM LB	6-5, 230	Webb City, MO	Webb City
USA Today All-American... <i>SuperPrep</i> All-American and Midlands Defensive Player of the Year... As a senior, was in on 122 tackles and had eight sacks, nine fumbles caused, six fumbles recovered and one blocked punt... At tight end, caught 30 passes for 527 yards and five scores... Had 11 carries for 10.5 yards per carry average and three touchdowns... Helped lead team to two state titles... National Honor Society president.			

SPRING UPDATE

The loss of Calvin Jones to pro football may not be as costly to the Nebraska Cornhuskers as once feared. That's because of the emergence of sophomore I-back Lawrence Phillips during spring practice.

Phillips, the team's third-leading rusher last season, wowed the crowd and the coaching staff by running for 156 yards and a touchdown on 16 carries in the annual Red-White spring game.

"He looks like a great player," Coach Tom Osborne said. "I didn't see many questions he couldn't answer."

After the way they performed in the spring, Phillips and quarterback Tommie Frazier gave Husker fans plenty of reasons to be optimistic.

"If the offense plays like we did today," Phillips said after the spring game, "we'll be back in the Orange Bowl playing for the national championship."

Frazier, who ran for two touchdowns and completed 10 of 19 passes for 153 yards, echoed Phillips. "If we play like this, the least any team could hold us to is 21 points," Frazier said. "They will have to outscore us to beat us."

But while the offense clicked in the spring, several areas remain a concern to Osborne. The biggest are the safety spots and kicking game.

The most experienced players in the secondary are sophomore Mike Minter, who is splitting time between free safety and strong safety, and senior Kareem Moss, who is playing both cornerback and strong safety.

"We're a little thin all over," Osborne said. "It's become a worry." So much so that incoming freshmen Troy Crayton of Oceanside, Calif., or

Eric Warfield of Texarkana, Ark., may be called upon to play free safety.

As for the kicking game, four extra points and a field goal were missed because of deep snap or holder problems in the spring game.

Despite that, Osborne said the Huskers should have a chance to be at least as good as they were a year ago, when they finished 11-1 and ranked third in the major college football polls.

"We've got a chance to be up in there," Osborne said. "Our execution on offense needs to smooth out, and we need to develop depth at a couple of spots on defense. And our kicking game needs to come around."

"The things you never know about, though, are chemistry and attitude."

Some of the spring standouts, Osborne said, were No. 2 outside linebacker Jared Tomich, a sophomore walk-on from St. John, Ind., middle linebacker Leonard Alexander, a senior walk-on from Detroit, and center Bill Humphrey, a senior from Libertyville, Ill.

"Humphrey has gone from being a real average guy to someone who can play successfully in the Big Eight."

Osborne also liked what he saw in cornerbacks Barron Miles and Tyrone Williams.

"They are probably as good as we've ever had, but we really need another one," Osborne said.

Injuries that may carry over to the fall were those suffered by No. 2 left offensive tackle Chris Dishman (shoulder dislocation) and No. 2 right cornerback Eric Stokes (small hip fracture). Both were to have surgery.

34-yard TD reception from Frazier in the Orange Bowl.

On defense, the safety spots will be areas of concern this fall. Rover Toby Wright and free safety John Reece exhausted their eligibility, and senior Troy Dumas was moved from free safety to strongside linebacker last season. That has left sophomore Mike Minter as the most experienced safety.

"The safety spots are important in the overall defense because there are a lot of decisions that have to be made there," Osborne said. "It may be one of the most demanding spots on defense, and that will make it a major source of focus."

Senior Sedric Collins, a three-year letterman, goes in as the No. 1 free safety. He's backed up by redshirt freshman Matt Aden and juniors Jeremy Jensen and Veland. Veland, the ex-quarterback who tore his patellar tendon against Texas Tech last year, was limited to light footwork and no contact during spring drills.

Miles anchors the left cornerback spot. Senior Kareem Moss, Miles' backup, and sophomore Eric Stokes, the No. 1 right cornerback, may alternate between cornerback and rover, according to Osborne. Sophomore Trampis Wrice, junior Darren Schmadeke, and redshirt freshman Leslie Dennis also will compete for playing time at corner.

Osborne is leaving those options open until the status of Tyrone Williams is known. Williams, who started at right cornerback, was charged with two felony firearm offenses for allegedly firing two shots into an occupied car. Williams, a junior, was awaiting trial on the charges as of press time.

Three of the top defensive tackles from last season — All-Big Eight pick Kevin Ramaekers, David Noonan, and Billy Wade — have departed, leaving senior Jason Pesterfield, sophomore Larry Arnold, and junior Jason Jenkins to vie for starting jobs.

Senior Terry Connealy, who missed spring practice after having shoulder surgery in January, is back after having an all-conference campaign last season at nose tackle.

Consensus All-American Trev Alberts, the 1993 Butkus Award winner, is gone, but four outside linebackers with nine letters between them return. Senior Donta Jones, who started on the left side last season, has moved to the right. Senior Dwayne Harris takes over on the left.

Seven inside linebackers with 22 years of experience are gone, but the Huskers have a standout returning in senior line-



WINGBACK APPEARS SOLID WITH THE RETURN OF SENIOR ABDUL MUHAMMAD, WHO LED ALL NEBRASKA RECEIVERS WITH 25 CATCHES FOR 383 YARDS AND THREE TDS.

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backer Ed Stewart, who has started the past 24 games and has 161 career tackles.

Dumas will begin his first full season at strongside linebacker, replacing Ernie Beler, and junior Doug Colman takes over for three-year starter Mike Anderson at middle linebacker.

Junior Tom Sieler is the favorite to replace Bennett as place-kicker. Sieler, who handled kickoffs last season, also hit 16 of 17 extra points as Bennett's backup. Sophomore Darin Erstad is the front-runner to take over Bennett's punting chores.

The Huskers' schedule features the Aug. 28 Kickoff Classic game against West Virginia, which, like Nebraska, went

through the 1993 regular season unbeaten, and a home game Sept. 17 against UCLA.

Osborne said he realizes he's taking a risk by playing the extra game against the Mountaineers.

"If you come out and play well and come out of it relatively healthy," he said, "it's probably a good thing. If you lose some key players or don't play well, it's not a good thing."

Frazier initially didn't want to play the early game. But on second thought, he said, the Classic gives NU a chance to put more shine on an improving national image.

"I'll do whatever it takes to make sure voters realize that we're for real," he said. □



OKLAHOMA SOONERS

SOONERS LOOK FOR RETURN TO GLORY DAYS

By Dan O'Kane



Quarterback Garrick McGee is listed in the University of Oklahoma media guide as the one "must get" player in the Sooners' 1994 recruiting class. He is also the one "must come through" player.

The junior college transfer is the heir apparent replacement for Cale Gundy, the most prolific passer in OU history.

Gundy set 28 school records as the starting quarterback for 3½ years. He set OU career marks in passing yardage, passes completed, passes attempted, touchdown passes, highest completion percentage, most consecutive pass completions, 300-yard passing games, and total offense.

OU fans started charting McGee midway through last season. The honorable mention juco All-American played 3½ hours from Norman in Miami, Okla. Sports call-in shows started getting regular "What's happening with Garrick McGee" calls in October while he was leading the Norsemen to a 10-1 record. He set a school record by completing 132 of 255 passes for 1,898 yards and seven touchdowns.

McGee is not a novice to Division I-A football. He was the starting quarterback at Arizona State in 1992. He played five games, completing 12 of 32 passes for 187 yards and two touchdowns. Problems with the law ended his career at ASU. He pleaded guilty to two counts of theft. Although not dismissed from the team, McGee figured it was time to move on. He transferred to Northeast Oklahoma Junior College.

The OU staff tried to downplay expectations, saying the job was open going into

spring. But, McGee, a 6-4, 195-pounder from Tulsa, clearly established himself as the starting quarterback, displaying the pass-run skills OU was looking for when it recruited him.

McGee is quicker and taller than Gundy. He doesn't have Gundy's quick release, but he has a knack for throwing on the run. It prompted the OU staff to consider adding more play-action passes.

"We've been pleased with the way Garrick has performed," Gibbs said. "Garrick is taller and has the ability to see downfield. He stays in the pocket, but can also scramble. We'll probably do more with the option with him."

Sophomore Terence Brown, who saw limited action backing up Gundy last year, is second on the depth chart. During the spring, he was also used as a receiver. Gibbs said Brown will be used there "when we go with a more wide open offense."

The progress of redshirt freshman

quarterback Buddy Davis has made it easier for Gibbs to look at Brown as a receiver.

"Buddy Davis had a good spring from the standpoint of throwing the football and handling situations and understanding what we want him to do," Gibbs said. "He's surprised us a little. He's a good prospect."

The quarterback position is clearly the key spot offensively for the Sooners, but OU has a better supporting cast on offense than it has had in recent years.

The Sooners return their most experienced offensive line and best running backs since the Big Eight championship teams in 1985 and 1986.

Lightning and Thunder, otherwise known as sophomore running backs James Allen and Jerald Moore, are back. They give the Sooners reason to be more optimistic about their ground game than they have in years. Last year, the two combined for 1,064 yards on 223 carries (4.7 avg.) and scored four touchdowns.

Allen became the first true freshman in OU history to start the opening game of the season at running back. He responded by rushing for 90 yards on 18 carries against Texas Christian. His 739 yards season total was the fourth best all-time for an OU freshman. He was a third-team *Football News* Freshman All-American in 1993.

Unlike Allen, Moore is the power runner, earning the nickname Thunder. Moore gained 325 yards on 70 carries, but was often injured. In the eight games he was healthy, Moore's impact was dramatic. He kept Allen fresh. In games Moore played, OU averaged 200 yards a game. Without him, the Sooners averaged 132.

The Texas game demonstrated the potential of the two to take over a game. Allen rushed for 102 yards on 18 attempts. Moore ran for 67 yards on 14 carries, but he dominated a second-quarter drive. He gained 51 yards on an 88-yard drive,

OKLAHOMA AT A GLANCE

Team Strengths: Depth, especially at running back, offensive line, receivers, secondary; kicking game.

Possible Weaknesses: Unproven leader at quarterback; thin at line-backer and defensive line.

Key Losses: Cale Gundy, QB; Rickey Brady, TE; Corey Warren, SE; Ricky Wren, NG; Joe Correia, DE; Russell Allen, DE; Mike Coats, LB; Aubrey Beavers, LB.

Players to Watch: James Allen, RB; Jerald Moore, RB; Harry Stamps, OT; J.R. Conrad, OT; Ben Cavil, G; P.J. Mills, FLK; Cedric Jones, DE; Darrius Johnson, CB; John Anderson, SS; Scott Blanton, K.

JAMES ALLEN BECAME THE FIRST TRUE FRESHMAN IN OU HISTORY TO START THE OPENING GAME OF THE SEASON AT RUNNING BACK.

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SPRING ROSTER

No.	NAME	Pos.	CLASS	Ht.	Wt.	HOMETOWN
15	Jeremy Alexander	PK/P	Fr.	5-11	170	Claremore
80	Stephen Alexander	TE	Fr.	6-5	230	Chickasha
84	Dale Allen	OLB	Fr.	6-3	230	Wynnewood
25	James Allen	TB	So.	6-1	207	Wynnewood
72	Robert Allen II	NG	Jr.	6-2	268	Houston, TX
39	John Anderson	SS	Sr.	5-11	190	Sugarland, TX
29	Brian Andrews	DE	Fr.	6-4	254	Edmond
96	Arthur Atkins	DE	Jr.	6-4	270	Houston, TX
99	Carlos Baker	DL	Fr.	6-5	250	Frederick
16	Scott Blanton	K	Fr.	6-2	223	Norman
24	Chris Blocker	SS	Fr.	6-2	185	Houston, TX
12	Joe Brown	WR	Sr.	5-10	187	Lawton
3	Terence Brown	QB	So.	6-0	193	Fort Bend, TX
69	David Bullard	OL	So.	6-6	299	Tishomingo
18	Ronnie Burns	WR	Fr.	5-10	170	Dallas, TX
31	Larry Bush	CB	Jr.	5-10	191	Ada
77	Jason Byers	C	So.	6-2	269	Sterling Heights, MI
66	Chris Campbell	OT	So.	6-2	312	Chicago, IL
59	David Campbell	DE	Sr.	6-0	290	Oklahoma City
68	Joe Carallo	OG	Sr.	6-3	287	Sacramento, CA
63	Ben Cavil	OG	Jr.	6-2	310	LaMarque, TX
32	Dwayne Chandler	FB	Jr.	6-0	226	Aberdeen, MS
93	Martin Chase	DL	Fr.	6-3	280	Lawton
25	Perry Collier	FS	Jr.	6-0	190	Munday, TX
33	Terry Collier	FB	Jr.	6-0	220	Munday, TX
65	Jason Comer	OG	Jr.	6-0	310	Arlington, TX
78	J.R. Conrad	OT	Jr.	6-5	311	Fairland
50	Jason Cox	OL	Fr.	6-0	226	Jay
88	Tim Daughtry	P	Fr.	6-3	226	Midwest City
14	Buddy Davis	QB	Fr.	6-1	200	Oklahoma City
28	Wendell Davis	CB	Jr.	5-11	184	Wichita, KS
49	Chris Dawson	LB	Jr.	5-11	224	Houston, TX
23	Tim Denton	CB	Jr.	6-0	176	Galveston, TX
47	Brent DeQuasie	OLB	Jr.	6-3	232	Midwest City
30	Jermaine Fozzarde	FB	Fr.	6-1	245	Marrero, LA
9	Anthony Fogle	FS	So.	6-1	195	Houston, TX
19	Jeff Frazier	TB	So.	6-2	213	Oklahoma City
44	Mario Freeman	SLB	Jr.	5-10	228	Austin, TX
70	Barry Giles	NG	Fr.	6-7	271	Healdton
48	Bryan Gorka	FB	Sr.	6-0	230	Stafford, TX
46	Tremayne Green	SLB	Fr.	6-0	239	Marshall, TX
1	Albert Hall	SE	So.	5-11	188	Bay City, TX
86	Jason Harmon	TE	So.	6-4	255	St. Louis, MO
87	Darrell Harris	TE	Fr.	6-6	256	Arvada, CO
37	Lawrence Harrold II	DB	Sr.	5-10	144	Houston, TX
17	Rod Henderson	SS	So.	6-2	198	Conroe, TX
43	Corey Ivy	ILB	Fr.	6-3	225	Crandell, TX
69	Robert Ingram	OL	Fr.	6-5	270	Ada

No.	NAME	Pos.	CLASS	Ht.	Wt.	HOMETOWN
42	Darrius Johnson	CB	Jr.	5-9	179	Terrell, TX
57	Cedric Jones	DE	Jr.	6-4	288	Houston, TX
82	Kyle Kramer	TE	Sr.	6-5	230	McKinney, TX
54	Clane LaCrosse	C	So.	6-2	217	Norman
75	Chuck Langston	C	Jr.	6-1	268	Beaumont, TX
95	Fred Lewis	NG	Jr.	6-2	275	Sacramento, CA
98	Dusty Loveless	NG	Fr.	6-1	288	Norman
27	J.J. Lazoya	DB	Fr.	5-10	204	Clovis, NM
90	Stirling Luckey	OLB	So.	6-3	235	Harvey, IL
53	Tim Macias	OL	Fr.	6-4	242	Oklahoma City
81	Terrance Malnoe	OLB	Fr.	6-3	225	Everman, TX
58	Marc Manuel	DE	So.	6-5	263	Houston, TX
85	Manuel Roderick	TE	So.	6-5	245	Fort Worth, TX
73	Bruce McClure	OL	Fr.	6-5	255	Tahlequah
40	Matt McCormick	OLB	Fr.	6-3	225	Duncan
6	Michael McDaniel	SE	So.	6-2	215	Oklahoma City
8	Garrick McGee	QB	Jr.	6-4	190	Tulsa
4	P.J. Mills	FL	Jr.	5-11	182	Enid
2	Eric Moore	QB	Fr.	6-2	175	Dallas, TX
7	Jerald Moore	TB	So.	5-10	230	Houston, TX
94	Greg Mayer	DL	Fr.	6-3	240	Stillwater
64	Jon Mulac	OL	Fr.	6-4	280	Kansas City, MO
67	Derrick Nelson	OL	Fr.	6-4	295	Houston, TX
55	Paul Oatts	OLB	Jr.	6-3	241	Gainesville, TX
74	Milton Overton	OG	Jr.	6-0	272	Fort Worth, TX
11	Mike Owens	WR	Fr.	6-1	192	Norman
89	Jaluan Penny	SE	Jr.	5-11	199	Tulsa
45	Tyrell Peters	WLB	So.	6-1	218	Norman
91	Mike Phipps	DE	Fr.	6-4	259	Humble, TX
71	Jeff Resler	OG	Sr.	6-2	270	Edmond
62	Broderick Roberson	OT	Sr.	6-2	322	Tomball, TX
97	Zerick Rollins	OLB	So.	6-5	234	Houston, TX
20	Michael Rose	TB	Fr.	6-0	215	Abilene, TX
36	Collin Rosenberg	OLB	So.	6-4	235	Yukon
51	Broderick Simpson	WLB	So.	6-0	221	Dallas, TX
52	Jay Smith	OL	Fr.	6-4	270	Arlington, TX
61	Keith Sparks	FB	Jr.	5-9	208	Fort Worth, TX
76	Harry Stamps, Jr.	OT	Jr.	6-5	309	Houston, TX
22	Cedric Stephens	CB	Fr.	5-11	180	Dallas, TX
34	Sean Stevenson	DB	Fr.	6-0	192	Tulsa
92	Baron Tanner	DL	So.	6-5	302	Athens, TX
56	Jimbo Taylor	OL	Fr.	6-3	284	Oklahoma City
21	Michael Thompson	FL	Jr.	6-0	195	Clovis, NM
35	Ryan Yardean	FB	So.	5-11	223	Claremore
5	Maylon Wesley	DB	Jr.	5-10	175	Houston, TX
38	Josh White	K	Fr.	6-1	191	Childress, TX
13	Terry White	SS	Fr.	6-0	180	Houston, TX
60	Matt Wilson	C	Sr.	6-3	268	Midland, TX

SOONERS STATISTICS

PASSING						
NAME	ATT	COMP	YARDS	PCT	TD	INT
Gundy	243	144	2096	59.2	14	6
Brown	6	2	17	33.3	0	0

RUSHING					
NAME	No	YARDS	AVG	Lg	TD
Allen	153	739	4.8	34	1
Collier	88	463	5.3	36	3
Moore	70	325	4.6	47	3

RECEIVING					
NAME	No	YARDS	AVG	Lg	TD
Brady	35	536	15.3	54	2
Warren	26	387	15.1	37	5
Hall	21	366	17.4	37	2
Allen	14	121	8.6	18	1

TACKLES	
Anderson (89), Freeman (81), Coats (79), Bush (78), Campbell (74), Beavers (70), DeQuasie (59)	

INTERCEPTIONS	
Johnson (5), Bush (4), Anderson (2), Henderson (1), Coats (1), Freeman (1), Hill (1), Shankle (1), Wesley (1)	

COACH: GARY GIBBS
38-17-2, 5 years
1993 Record: 4-3-0/4th; 9-3-0 overall
Stadium: Owen Field (75,004)

SOONERS OFFENSE

NUMBER	QUARTERBACK	YEAR
8	Garrick McGee	Junior
3	Terence Brown	Sophomore
NUMBER	FULLBACK	YEAR
32	Dwayne Chandler*	Junior
33	Terry Collier	Junior
NUMBER	TAILBACK	YEAR
25	James Allen*	Sophomore
7	Jerald Moore	Sophomore
NUMBER	FLANKER	YEAR
4	P.J. Mills	Junior
21	Michael Thompson	Junior
NUMBER	SPILT END	YEAR
1	Albert Hall*	Senior
89	Jaluan Penny	Junior
NUMBER	TIGHT END	YEAR
85	Rod Manuel	Sophomore
86	Jason Harmon	Sophomore
NUMBER	LEFT TACKLE	YEAR
76	Harry Stamps, Jr.*	Junior
66	Chris Campbell	Sophomore
NUMBER	LEFT GUARD	YEAR
63	Ben Cavil	Senior
64	Jon Mulac	Freshman
NUMBER	CENTER	YEAR
75	Chuck Langton*	Junior
73	Bruce McClure	Freshman
NUMBER	RIGHT GUARD	YEAR
68	Joe Carallo*	Senior
74	Milton Overton*	Junior
NUMBER	RIGHT TACKLE	YEAR
78	J.R. Conrad*	Junior
62	Broderick Roberson	Senior

*Returning starter

SOONERS DEFENSE

NUMBER	LEFT END	YEAR
59	David Campbell*	Senior
91	Mike Phipps	Freshman
NUMBER	NOSE GUARD	YEAR
72	Robert Allen	Junior
70	Barry Giles	Freshman
NUMBER	RIGHT END	YEAR
57	Cedric Jones*	Junior
96	Arthur Atkins	Junior
NUMBER	OUTSIDE LINEBACKER	YEAR
51	Broderick Simpson	Sophomore
36	Collin Rosenberg	Sophomore
NUMBER	SAM INSIDE LINEBACKER	YEAR
46	Tremayne Green*	Senior
44	Mario Freeman	Junior
NUMBER	WILLIE INSIDE LINEBACKER	YEAR
45	Tyrell Peters	Sophomore
44	Mario Freeman	Junior
NUMBER	OUTSIDE LINEBACKER	YEAR
47	Brent DeQuasie*	Junior
97	Zerick Rollins	Sophomore
NUMBER	LEFT CORNERBACK	YEAR
42	Darrius Johnson*	Junior
23	Tim Denton	Junior
NUMBER	RIGHT CORNERBACK	YEAR
31	Larry Bush*	Junior
28	Wendell Davis	Junior
NUMBER	STRONG SAFETY	YEAR
39	John Anderson*	Senior
17	Rod Henderson	Sophomore
NUMBER	FREE SAFETY	YEAR
9	Anthony Fogle	Sophomore
5	Maylon Wesley	Junior



J.R. CONRAD IS BACK AT OFFENSIVE TACKLE AFTER A SEASON OF POSITION CHANGES.

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including the touchdown that gave OU breathing room. The emphasis last year shifted to Allen and Moore when Jeff Frazier tore up his knee the week before the season opener. The injury has been compared to that of former OU standout Mike Gaddis. It took Gaddis 1½ years to make it back. Frazier did not go through spring practice. He could jog, but couldn't run or cut. His timetable is uncertain.

"We're certainly hoping to have Jeff," Gibbs said. "There's no reason to think he can't come back. Right now, we just don't know when."

Also back are fullback Terry Collier (463 yards) and Dwayne Chandler (293 yards and 10 touchdowns). The fullback spot has also been further strengthened by

Bryan Gorka and Keith Sparks, a converted nose guard.

"Gorka and Sparks are more slam backs that you traditionally want at fullback," Gibbs said. "Chandler and Collier are former tailbacks. Blocking is their hardest challenge. It could free Collier up to play some at halfback should Jeff not be able to return."

The offense line includes center Chuck Langston (6-1, 268), guards Joe Carollo (6-3, 287) and Milton Overton (6-0, 272), and tackles J.R. Conrad (6-5, 311) and Harry Stamps (6-5, 309). Guard Ben Cavil (6-2, 310) is not a returning starter, but has moved ahead of Carollo at the left guard spot. OU has returning lettermen two deep at each position on the line, including

reserves Chris Campbell (6-2, 312), Matt Wilson (6-3, 268), Jason Comer (6-3, 310), and Broderick Robertson (6-2, 322).

Stamps was the only linemen to attract conference honors. He was a second-team All-Big Eight. The potential, however, is there for Conrad, who suffered last year by being moved around to plug gaps created by injuries. Conrad moved back to right tackle and Cavil went to guard in hopes of solidifying the line.

Tight end is the only unproven position on the line, but it has promise in highly-recruited Stephen Alexander. The 6-5, 222-pounder from Chickasha, Okla., was the 1994 *Super Prep* National Player of the Year.

"There is no comparison to where we were last year to this year," OU offensive line coach Merv Johnson said. "We've got everyone back. That's unusual for us. It allows us to get more accustomed to what we're trying to do. They know their assignments. They know what they're supposed to do. That allows us to work on technique. That was something that was slighted last year."

OU loses its leading receivers in tight end Rickey Brady (35 catches, 536 yards) and flanker Corey Warren (26, 387). Split ends Albert Hall (21, 366) and JaJuan Penny (12, 187), and flanker P.J. Mills (13, 261) are back.

"Obviously, we're happy with the experience we have on offense," Gibbs said. "That helps. Still, the attention from the fans and media will be on the quarterback. That's to be expected."

As much as Gundy's loss will impact the offense, losing three starters on the defensive front may be more serious. Back is senior end David Campbell (6-0, 290). He led OU linemen with 74 tackles. End Cedric Jones (6-4, 288) is back for his junior season, after getting 50 tackles in limited action due to injuries. Robert Allen (6-2, 268) is expected to start at nose guard. Junior end Arthur Atkins (6-4, 270) had a strong spring. The OU staff is quietly predicting a big season from him.

The Sooners are thin at linebacker. They lose big-play man Aubrey Beavers and three-year starter Mike Coats. Paul Oatts (6-3, 241), was penciled in to do some of the same things as Beavers, but he tore up his knee in the spring game. It required surgery, and is not expected to return in time to play this year.

OU may have gotten a break in Tremayne Green (6-0, 238). He sustained a pinched nerve in his neck and sat out the final seven games. He did not go through

SOONERS RECRUITING

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Jeremy ALEXANDER P/PK	5-11, 170	Claremore	Claremore
Kicked state-record 57-yard field goal last year... Made eight of 18 field goals and averaged 40 yards per punt... Led state in scoring in soccer as a junior... Lettered in baseball and track.			
Stephen ALEXANDER TE	6-5, 225	Chickasha	Chickasha
SuperPrep Player of the Year... All-State in football and basketball... Had 37 catches for 561 yards and nine scores as a senior... Had seven foot high jump.			
Dale ALLEN LB	6-4, 240	Wynnewood	Wynnewood
Three-year starter... Helped team to two state titles... As a junior, caught six passes for five touchdowns... Ran on state champion sprint relay team... State runnerup in 200-meters.			
Carlos BAKER DL	6-5, 268	Frederick	Frederick
All-State... Had 60 tackles in 1993... Helped team to state title... Rated among Top 100 defensive line prospects nationally.			
Chris BLOCKER DB	6-2, 185	Houston, TX	Washington
Had eight interceptions in 1993 and seven as a junior... Played wide receiver on offense... Rated on Texas Top 100 lists.			
Ronnie BURNS WR	5-10, 170	Dallas, TX	Carter
Caught 46 passes for 651 yards and six touchdowns as a senior... Two-year starter.			
Martin CHASE DL	6-3, 280	Lawton	Eisenhower
All-State... Made 84 tackles, including 27 for losses, five sacks and 20 quarterback pressures last season... Fourth in state shot put.			
Tim DENTON DB	5-11, 175	Galveston, TX	Blinn (TX) College
Had 52 tackles and three interceptions in 1993... Honorable mention All-Texas Junior College Football Conference... Missed most of freshman year due to broken hand.			
Jermaine FANZANDE FB	6-2, 245	Marrero, LA	John Ehret
All-District... Rushed for more than 1,100 yards as a junior, playing for the biggest high school in Louisiana... Has 4.6 speed in the 40.			
Jason HARMAN TE	6-5, 255	St. Louis, MO	Highland (KS) College
All-Iowa Conference... Had 21 catches for 331 yards in 1993... All-District prep basketball player... Will have three years eligibility remaining.			
Corey IVY LB	6-3, 225	Crandall, TX	Crandall
All-State... Two-year All-District... Had 71 tackles and four interceptions in 1993 despite missing three games due to injury... Played tight end and tailback.			
Fred LEWIS DL	6-3, 270	Sacramento, CA	Sacramento City College
Team Defensive Most Valuable Player... Had 91 tackles, one sack and three deflected passes last year... Returned an interception for a score... Led team in tackles as a freshman.			
Dusty LOVELESS DL	6-2, 301	Norman	Norman
Associated Press SuperTeam All-State... Had 72 tackles, including 20 for losses, last season... Scored touchdowns as a fullback and on a fumble return.			

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Stirling LUCKEY LB	6-4, 225	Coffeyville, KS	Coffeyville C. C.
Had 39 sacks in three prep seasons, earning All-American honors... Has 4.6 speed in the 40... Has three years of eligibility remaining.			
Tim MACIAS OL	6-4, 240	Putnam City	Putnam City
Second-team All-State... Played defensive end and offensive guard... Graded out at 91 percent for the year offensively... Has 4.9 speed in the 40.			
Terrance MALONE LB	6-3, 230	Everman, TX	Everman
Suffered knee injury requiring surgery early in senior year... Had 12 sacks as a junior... District shot put and discus champion.			
Matt McCORMICK LB	6-5, 228	Duncan	Duncan
Three-year starter playing several positions — defensive end, linebacker, receiver, tight end... All-State... State discus champion as a junior... Has 4.75 speed in the 40.			
Garrick McGEE QB	6-4, 195	Tulsa	N. E. Oklahoma A&M J. C.
Completed 143 of 255 passes for school-record 1,898 yards and seven scores last season... Led team to 10-1 record... Ran for 484 yards and nine touchdowns... Played in five games as a freshman at Arizona State in 1992 before transferring to Northeastern Oklahoma... Has 4.5 speed in the 40.			
Eric MOORE QB	6-2, 175	Dallas, TX	Carter
Completed 160 of 244 passes for 2,705 yards and 29 touchdowns as a senior... Named to Texas Top 100 lists... Two-year starter... Past two seasons led team to 11-1 record and area finals berths... Has 4.5 speed in the 40.			
Greg MOYER DL	6-3, 238	Stillwater	Stillwater
Three-year starter on offensive line and two-year starter on defense... All-State.			
Mike ROSE RB	6-2, 218	Abilene, TX	Cooper
Second-team All-State... District Player of the Year... All-Big Country Team... Member of track team... Has 4.6 speed in the 40.			
Jay SMITH OL	6-5, 265	Arlington, TX	Lamar
Three-year starter... Considered one of top offensive line prospects in Texas... Lettered in track.			
Cedric STEPHENS DB	5-10, 180	Dallas, TX	Carter
Had 130 tackles, including 50 solo, in 1993... Intercepted two passes, had 12 sacks and returned a fumble for a score... Finished third in the state in 100 meters... Has 4.36 speed in the 40.			
Barron TANNER DL	6-4, 285	Athens, TX	Athens
Had 105 tackles, four sacks and four fumble recoveries last season... Three-year starter... Bench presses more than 400 pounds... Three years of eligibility remaining.			
Terrance WHITE DB	6-0, 180	Houston, TX	Nimitz
Had 63 tackles and two interceptions as a junior... Helped team to first state playoff appearance in history... Named to Texas Top 100 lists... Has 4.4 speed in the 40.			

SPRING UPDATE

The biggest concern during the spring was the lack of depth at linebacker. The concern got bigger after Paul Oatts tore up his knee. It required surgery and he is thought to be lost for the season.

Oatts collided with defensive teammate Tyrell Peters while they were trying to get to backup quarterback Terence Brown.

"Paul really was having a good spring," Gibbs said. "He was someone who played well for us last year, and a guy that we thought could really make a major contribution this year."

Center Jeff Resler (knee), split end Albert Hall (knee), tackle Derrick Nelson (shoulder), tailback Jeff Frazier (knee), linebacker Tremayne Green (neck), and Mario Freeman (knee), all missed spring practice due to injuries.

The status of Frazier and Green is uncertain. OU anticipates both being ready for the season, but there are no guarantees. Frazier tore up his knee before the season, requiring surgery. Green pinched a nerve in his neck, causing him to miss the last seven games of the year.

Tailbacks James Allen and Jerald Moore were impressive in the spring game. They combined for 110 yards on 13 carries. Juco transfer quarterback Garrick McGee was impressive too. He completed five of nine passes for 102 yards and two touch-

downs, both to P.J. Mills. OU scored on five of the six possessions McGee was on the field.

"There early in the scrimmage, Garrick was looking at his first receiver and if he was covered he was pulling the ball down and taking off too quickly," said Gibbs. "(Offensive coordinator) Watson Brown talked to him, and he said, 'I'm a little bit nervous.' But he basically did a good job."

Former OU and current head coach of the Dallas Cowboy Barry Switzer provided some light comedy during the varsity-alumni game. Heisman Trophy winner Steve Owens (1969) took a pitch on the last play of the first half. He jogged to his right, using the final 17 seconds to go 57 yards. His entrance to the end zone was clear, prompting Switzer to come off the sideline and attempt to tackle the setup touchdown. Owens scored anyway.

Position changes included moving Michael Thompson from tailback to split end; Harry Stamps went from right tackle to left tackle; J.R. Conrad moved from left tackle to right tackle; Ben Cavil, from tackle to guard; and Broderick Robertson, from guard to tackle.

Defensively, Larry Bush moved from safety to cornerback; Barry Giles, from end to nose guard.

spring practice. There was some question that he might not play again. But by the end of spring practice, it looked as though he would receive his clearance to play by the start of practice in August.

If Green and fellow inside linebacker Mario Freeman (5-10, 228) regain their fitness, it would be a big boost to the defense. Brent DeQuasie (6-3, 232), Tyrell Peters (6-1, 218), and Broderick Simpson (6-0, 221) provide help at the other linebacker spots.

The secondary figures to be OU's defensive strength.

Darrius Johnson (5-9, 179) has big-time potential, according to Gibbs. Moving Larry Bush (5-11, 184) to cornerback will improve the secondary. Anthony Fogle (6-1, 195) has been elevated to free safety. John Anderson (5-11, 190) was OU's leading tackler with 89. He appears on the verge of an All-Big Eight season. His nickname is "Crash" because he is the hardest hitter on the team.

The Sooners also have experienced depth in juco transfers Wendell Davis (5-11, 184) and Tim Denton (6-0, 176).

"The secondary is looking good," Gibbs said. "There is more speed back there and they're also big hitters."

OU also returns kicker Scott Blanton. He became the first OU player to handle both punting and place-kicking jobs since 1982. He was the only Big Eight kicker to convert on every extra point last year. He had a streak of 19 consecutive field goals snapped against Texas A&M. He also averaged 36.9 yards per punt. He is positioned for All-Big Eight honors.

Only a season ago, Gibbs was on the hot seat after OU went 5-4-2. NCAA sanctions cut into OU's numbers. Two years ago, OU began the season with just 72 scholarship players — 20 shy of the NCAA limit of 92. It went 9-3 last year with a victory over Texas Tech in the Hancock Bowl, taking some of the pressure off Gibbs.

But from Gibbs' perspective, OU's improved numbers takes the pressure off. The Sooners have 82 scholarship players with 27 returning lettermen and 15 starters.

"Our biggest strength will be in our experience and improved depth on both sides of the football," Gibbs said. "Those two areas are usually the major factors to the success of any team. Anywhere you look on this team, we have serious competition going on for starting positions. Two years ago, we were just trying to keep enough players on the field to practice." □

P.J. MILLS RETURNS AT FLANKER IN THE SOONERS' REVIVED PASSING GAME.

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COLORADO

BUFFALOES

BUFFS SEEK RETURN TO LIMELIGHT

By Craig Harper



Three seasons have passed since Colorado sat atop the football world, a co-national championship in 1990 coming on the heels of a perfect 1989 regular season and No. 1 ranking prior to losing to Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl.

Three seasons have also passed since Colorado represented the Big Eight in the Orange Bowl, that honor going to Nebraska, which shared the conference title with CU in 1991 and won it outright the past two years.

Bill McCartney's Buffaloes yearn for a return to the national spotlight, and 1994 could be their year.

Certainly the ingredients are present: Eight returning starters from an offense that led the Big Eight and was 10th nationally in total offense, plus a solid nucleus of players from which to mold an improving defense.

Asked if this is his best team since 1990, McCartney, entering his 13th season at Colorado, said, "That's a given."

Asked if the Buffs can contend for a national championship, he replied, "On paper, we're in the mix."

But, he added, "I don't think anybody can tell going in. There are so many intangibles. The biggest thing in sports is the intangible of morale."

That ingredient was sorely lacking during an 8-3-1 season in 1993 that saw Colorado finish second to Nebraska in the Big Eight for the second straight year and fail to land a New Year's Day bowl for the second time in three years.

In an effort to curtail a possible player mutiny and restore team unity, McCartney suspended two key senior defensive backs and a third one quit in protest following the final regular-season game. Then, on the day the team plane departed for Hon-

olulu and a Christmas Day date in the Aloha Bowl, McCartney suspended four more players from the trip.

An uneasy feeling surrounded the Buffs as they began preparations for the Aloha Bowl, but a new attitude apparently prevails as CU heads into 1994.

"I think we turned the corner in the bowl game," McCartney said, referring to a 41-30 win over Fresno State. "From the time we landed in Hawaii, we've had great spirit. All that stuff was designed to clear the air."

"The attitude around the team is totally different," agreed senior quarterback Kordell Stewart. "Last year we had

the confrontation about the seniors doing what they were supposed to do, and certain attitudes and stuff like that. But this year you don't have that at all. Everybody's willing to just go with the flow and do what everyone asks them to do. There's no individuals. It's a team, the way it's supposed to be."

It's hard to say whether Colorado has more talent in 1994 than in '89 and '90, when the Buffs had 10 and 12 first-team All-Big Eight players. CU had nine players taken in the '91 NFL draft, including four in the first two rounds.

Clearly, this should be Colorado's most talented team since then, and its most well-rounded one.

"It's a case of having more experienced players on both sides of the ball since then," McCartney said.

But those players will have to perform at peak efficiency early and almost every week of the season if Colorado is going to contend for a national championship.

A CU trademark has been a difficult non-conference schedule, and 1994 is no exception. Following a home opener against Northeast Louisiana, the Buffs host Rose Bowl champion Wisconsin, then have back-to-back road games with Michigan and Texas before opening Big Eight play against '93 bowl teams Oklahoma, Kansas State, and Nebraska.

"Our schedule is going to test us thoroughly, but we do have a chance to create some things," McCartney said.

Colorado's biggest question marks are on defense, where the Buffs must replace two all-conference outside linebackers and half of a secondary that was the biggest problem area in 1994.

COLORADO AT A GLANCE

Team Strengths: Balanced offense with a seasoned line and third-year starting senior quarterback and an excellent backup, along with good receivers. On defense, the front three and inside linebackers.

Possible Weaknesses: Secondary and depth at outside linebacker on defense. Need for a second tight end to emerge as well as another running back. Place-kicking and punting are both unknown.

Key Losses: Charles Johnson, WR; Ron Woolfork, OLB; Sam Rogers, OLB; Lamont Warren, TB.

Players to Watch: Kordell Stewart, QB; Rashaan Salaam, RB; Michael Westbrook, WR; Christian Fauria, TE; Tony Berti, OT; Bryan Stoltenberg, C; Chris Hudson, CB; Shannon Clavelle, DT; Kerry Hicks, NT; Darius Holland, DT; Ted Johnson, ILB; Matt Russell, ILB; Greg Jones, OLB; Dalton Simmons, CB; Rae Carruth, WR; Derek West, OT.

LAST SEASON SENIOR INSIDE LINEBACKER TED JOHNSON WAS SECOND-TEAM ALL-BIG EIGHT AND LED COLORADO IN TACKLES.

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SPRING ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN	NO.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
17	Ayyub Abdul-Rahmaan	QB	Fr.	6-0	200	Oakland, CA	41	Tennyson McCarty	TE	Fr.	6-3	240	Boulder
68	Gerald Ancar	OG	So.	6-2	260	Gretna, IA	33	Ron Merkerson	ILB	Fr.	6-3	245	Las Vegas, NV
5	Blake Anderson	WR	Sr.	6-0	185	Palos Verdes, CA	5	Keith Miller	FB	So.	6-0	225	Ovid
99	Norm Barnett	TE	Sr.	6-1	270	Pueblo	28	Andy Mitchell	P/PK	Fr.	6-2	195	Littleton
50	Tony Berti	OT	Sr.	6-6	270	Thornton	4	Erik Mitchell	CB	Sr.	5-9	160	Los Alamitos, CA
6	Ryan Black	SS	Fr.	5-10	185	Phoenix, AZ	66	Clint Moore	NT	Jr.	6-4	290	Longmont
84	Jeff Blackman	TE-P	Fr.	6-4	250	Rye	43	Curtis Mustfeldt	CB	Jr.	5-11	175	Boulder
69	Ken Browne	OT	Fr.	6-6	270	Scarborough, Ontario	54	Jeff Nabholz	ILB	So.	6-5	240	Chesterfield, MO
18	Jason Burney	QB	Fr.	6-2	195	Merrimack, NH	65	Chris Naeole	OT	So.	6-4	290	Kaawa, HI
34	Nathan Campbell	CB	So.	5-10	195	Houston, TX	70	Ben Nichols	OT	Fr.	6-6	270	Springfield, MO
21	Rae Carruth	WR	So.	6-0	180	Sacramento, CA	54	Ryan Olson	NT	Fr.	6-2	250	Lakewood
92	Shannon Clavette	DT	Jr.	6-3	270	New Orleans, LA	99	Stacy Patterson	DT	Fr.	6-1	275	Macon, GA
61	Pat Corcoran	OC	So.	6-3	275	Bay City, MI	42	Sulu Petaia	FS	Fr.	6-1	190	Pago Pago A. Samoa
8	T.J. Cunningham	FS	Jr.	6-0	185	Aurora	97	Mike Phillips	OLB	Fr.	6-3	205	Marrero, LA
22	Shay Davis	TB	So.	6-0	185	Lakewood	95	Daryl Price	OLB	Jr.	6-5	240	Beaumont, TX
49	Desmond Dennis	TE	So.	6-3	250	Oxon Hill, MD	44	Jason Rice	FS	Fr.	5-8	185	St. Louis, MO
14	Koy Detmer	QB	So.	6-1	170	Mission, TX	15	Steve Rosga	FS	So.	6-1	205	Roseville, MN
40	Adam Dietz	CB	So.	6-0	180	White Bear Lake, MI	29	Tim Ross	SS	Jr.	6-2	200	Simi Valley, CA
86	Christian Fauria	TE	Sr.	6-4	210	Northridge, CA	16	Matt Russell	ILB	So.	6-2	235	Fairview Hgts, IL
6	Mike Forney	OLB	Fr.	6-4	210	Colorado Springs	19	Rashaan Salaam	TB	Jr.	6-1	210	San Diego, CA
76	Chad Hammond	OG	Jr.	6-4	250	Wheat Ridge	80	Phil Savoy	WR	Fr.	6-2	180	Washington, D.C.
45	Maurice Henriques	SS	So.	6-1	195	Houston, TX	7	Dalton Simmons	CB	Jr.	6-0	185	Marrero, LA
7	John Hessler	QB	Fr.	6-2	185	Brighton	25	Michael Slevin	PK	Fr.	6-1	195	Vail
94	Kerry Hicks	NT	Jr.	6-6	260	Salt Lake City, UT	52	Kyle Smith	OT	So.	6-5	270	Torrington, WY
71	Lee Hipp	OG	Jr.	6-3	270	Texas City, TX	58	Kris Soden	OC	So.	6-4	255	McCook, NE
93	Darius Holland	DT	Sr.	6-5	285	Las Cruces, NM	10	Kordell Stewart	QB	Sr.	6-3	210	Marrero, LA
47	Chris Hudson	CB	Sr.	5-11	195	Houston, TX	64	Bryan Stoltenberg	OC	Jr.	6-2	265	Sugarland, TX
63	Heath Irwin	OG	Jr.	6-5	285	Boulder	4	Ryan Sutter	CB	Fr.	6-1	184	Fort Collins
46	Ted Johnson	ILB	Sr.	6-4	240	Carlsbad, CA	27	Deren Tadlock	CB	So.	6-0	190	Boulder
59	Greg Jones	OLB	So.	6-5	230	Littleton	78	Melvin Thomas	OT	Fr.	6-3	280	New Orleans, LA
79	Matt Jones	OT	So.	6-5	275	Bucyrus, OH	37	Neil Voskeritchian	PK	Jr.	5-9	160	Arcadia, CA
1	Vance Joseph	TB	Sr.	5-10	205	Marrero, LA	75	Aaron Wade	OT	Fr.	6-6	290	Wheat Ridge
2	James Kidd	WR	So.	5-8	160	Elk Grove, CA	74	Andrew Welsh	OC	Fr.	6-6	245	Walnut Creek, CA
36	Jon Knutson	OLB	Sr.	6-4	240	Great Falls, MT	72	Derek West	OT	Sr.	6-8	285	Anvada
3	Donnell Leamiti	SS	Jr.	6-0	195	Pago Pago A. Samoa	81	Michael Westbrook	WR	Sr.	6-4	210	Detroit, MI
88	Matt Lepsis	TE	So.	6-5	265	Frisco, TX	23	Allen Wilbon	ILB	So.	6-0	230	Dallas, TX
77	Viliami Maumau	DT	Fr.	6-2	285	Honolulu, HI	20	Kenny Wilkins	SS	So.	6-2	205	Mesa, AZ

BUFFALO STATISTICS

PASSING

NAME	ATT	COMP	YARDS	PCT	TD	INT
Stewart	294	157	2299	53.4	11	7
Joseph	17	10	114	58.8	1	0

RUSHING

NAME	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	TD
Warren	183	900	4.0	44	7
Salaam	161	844	5.2	36	8
Stewart	102	524	5.1	46	6

RECEIVING

NAME	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	TD
Johnson	57	1082	19.0	69	9
Westbrook	33	490	14.8	72	2
Fauria	30	351	11.7	29	1
Warren	15	184	12.3	36	1

TACKLES

Johnson (131), Rogers (88), Russell (85), Clavette (74), Holland (53), Lindsey (52), Davis (50)

INTERCEPTIONS

Hudson (4), Collier (4), Henriques (2), Clavette (1), Davis (1), Lindsey (1)

COACH: BILL MCCARTNEY

82-54-5, 12 years; 82-54-5 overall, 12 years

1993 Record: 5-1-1/2nd; 8-3-1 overall

Stadium: Folsom Field (51,748)

BUFFALO OFFENSE

NUMBER	QUARTERBACK	YEAR
10	Kordell Stewart*	Senior
14	Koy Detmer	Sophomore
NUMBER	TAILBACK	YEAR
19	Rashaan Salaam*	Junior
1	Vance Joseph	Senior
NUMBER	WIDE RECEIVER	YEAR
21	Rae Carruth	Sophomore
2	James Kidd	Sophomore
NUMBER	WIDE RECEIVER	YEAR
81	Michael Westbrook*	Senior
5	Blake Anderson	Senior
NUMBER	TIGHT END	YEAR
86	Christian Fauria*	Senior
41	Tennyson McCarty	Freshman
NUMBER	TIGHT END	YEAR
88	Matt Lepsis	Sophomore
49	Desmond Dennis	Sophomore
NUMBER	LEFT TACKLE	YEAR
50	Tony Berti*	Senior
52	Kyle Smith	Sophomore
NUMBER	LEFT GUARD	YEAR
63	Heath Irwin*	Junior
68	Gerald Ancar	Sophomore
NUMBER	CENTER	YEAR
64	Bryan Stoltenberg*	Junior
61	Pat Corcoran	Sophomore
NUMBER	RIGHT GUARD	YEAR
65	Chris Naeole	Sophomore
76	Chad Hammond*	Junior
NUMBER	RIGHT TACKLE	YEAR
72	Derek West*	Senior
78	Melvin Thomas	Freshman

*Returning starter

BUFFALO DEFENSE

NUMBER	LEFT TACKLE	YEAR
92	Shannon Clavette*	Junior
77	Viliami Maumau	Freshman
NUMBER	NOSE TACKLE	YEAR
94	Kerry Hicks*	Junior
66	Clint Moore	Junior
NUMBER	RIGHT TACKLE	YEAR
93	Darius Holland*	Senior
99	Stacy Patterson	Freshman
NUMBER	OUTSIDE LINEBACKER	YEAR
59	Greg Jones	Sophomore
96	Mike Forney	Freshman
NUMBER	INSIDE LINEBACKER	YEAR
16	Matt Russell*	Sophomore
23	Allen Wilbon	Sophomore
NUMBER	INSIDE LINEBACKER	YEAR
46	Ted Johnson*	Senior
33	Ron Merkerson	Freshman
NUMBER	OUTSIDE LINEBACKER	YEAR
36	Jon Knutson	Senior
97	Mike Phillips	Freshman
NUMBER	LEFT CORNERBACK	YEAR
47	Chris Hudson*	Senior
4	Erik Mitchell	Senior
NUMBER	RIGHT CORNERBACK	YEAR
7	Dalton Simmons*	Junior
27	Deren Tadlock	Sophomore
NUMBER	STRONG SAFETY	YEAR
3	Donnell Leamiti	Junior
45	Maurice Henriques	Sophomore
NUMBER	FREE SAFETY	YEAR
15	Steve Rosga	Sophomore
8	T.J. Cunningham	Junior

CU's defense suffered last year with the loss of five 1993 NFL draft picks and sub-par numbers from its top returnee, outside linebacker Ron Woolfork. Some individuals — notably outside linebacker Sam Rogers, defensive linemen Shannon Clavelle and Kerry Hicks, defensive back Chris Hudson, and inside linebacker Ted Johnson — stepped up, but the unit never really jelled.

Especially when it came to pass defense. Colorado finished 63rd nationally and sixth in the Big Eight in pass efficiency defense, giving up a league-high 15 touchdowns while finishing second with 13 interceptions. CU yielded 219.0 yards passing per game as opponents completed 54.4 percent of their passes.

And, playing against the same secondary Colorado will use this year, Fresno State's Trent Dilfer threw for 502 yards in the Aloha Bowl.

"In order for us to be in contention in November, the biggest single thing we'll have to have is a strong defense," McCartney said. "A year ago we dropped off. I'm hopeful that this year we can be very much improved."

Colorado hopes that moving Hudson, a senior with 12 career interceptions, to left cornerback will help solve some of the problems in the secondary. Arguably the Big Eight's top returning

defensive player, Hudson started the first four games of 1993 at left cornerback, but moved to free safety for the rest of the regular season.

Junior Dalton Simmons, who started seven of the last nine games at left cornerback after an early-season injury, moves to right cornerback.

CU has lots of candidates for the two safety positions, with Kenny Wilkins and Maurice Henriques holding the inside tracks. Steve Rosga, Tim Ross, and converted wideout T.J. Cunningham all have a

chance with Wilkins at free safety, and Donnell Leomiti could challenge Henriques at strong safety.

Replacing Rogers and Woolfork, who

pass rushers. Foot problems have plagued the 6-4, 240-pound Knutson, but he still has good speed and his talents should be put to good use on the outside.

The rest of the defense appears strong, anchored by one of the nation's best front three in Clavelle (6-3, 270) at left tackle, Hicks (6-6, 260) at nose tackle, and Darius Holland (6-5, 285) at right tackle. Clavelle and Hicks, both juniors, made first-team All-Big Eight last year, and Hicks, along with Rogers, was the surprise player on the CU defense.

Clavelle and Holland proved to be very active, finishing fourth and fifth on the team in tackles.

Redshirt junior Clint Moore, a two-year starting offensive guard, should be the key reserve in the front three. The 6-4, 285-pound Moore likely will play nose tackle, enabling Hicks to play at tackle as well.

The inside linebacking is solid with the duo of senior Ted Johnson and sophomore Matt Russell. Johnson was second-team All-Big Eight and led CU in tackles, while Russell took over for Knutson four games into the season and was third in tackles.

There are fewer questions concerning Colorado's offense, which averaged 470.45

yards per game last year and showed good balance. The Buffs improved from 100th to 12th nationally in rushing offense from 1992 to '93. They rushed for 240.0 yards per game and passed for 230.5, while averaging 29.7 points.

The only major losses are wide receiver Charles Johnson, the Big Eight Offensive Player of the Year, who caught 57 passes for 1,082 yards and nine touchdowns, and co-starting tailback Lamont Warren.

Should Stewart falter, redshirt sophomore Koy Detmer will be waiting. Detmer



KORDELL STEWART RETURNS FOR HIS THIRD YEAR AS THE STARTER, AND HE'S PASSED FOR MORE THAN 2,000 YARDS EACH OF THE PAST TWO YEARS WITH A 23-16 TOUCHDOWN-INTERCEPTION RATIO.

PHOTO BY TIM DEFRESCO / ALLSPORT

accounted for 16 of the team's 35 sacks, is the other defensive priority. Depth is a concern, but the starters might not be. Touted sophomore Greg Jones returns after a redshirt year and senior Jon Knutson moves over from inside linebacker, where he started occasionally the past three years.

Jones, one of CU's top recruits in 1992, used the redshirt year to add about 20 pounds, and now packs 230 pounds on a 6-5 frame while maintaining his speed in the 4.5 range for the 40-yard dash. Jones should be one of the Big Eight's premier

BUFFALOES RECRUITING

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Chris ANDERSON WR	6-4, 220	LaPorte, TX	LaPorte
SuperPrep All-American... Houston Chronicle area Player of the Year... Honorable mention USA Today All-American... Two-way All-State... In 1993, caught 45 passes for 991 yards and 11 touchdowns, and was in on 100 tackles... SuperPrep rated No. 3 player in Texas.			
Marlon BARNES RB	5-10, 190	Memphis, TN	Millington Central
Honorable mention USA Today All-American... Memphis Commercial-Appeal All-State Super Team... SuperPrep All-American... Rushed for 1,737 yards and 23 touchdowns as a senior... Had 35 tackles as free safety... Scored 61 career touchdowns... Lettered in basketball and track.			
Tyrone BUSSEY LB	6-4, 235	Detroit, MI	St. Martin DePorres
SuperPrep All-Midwest... BLUECHIP All-Region... All-State... In 1993, had 17 sacks, six fumble recoveries, one blocked kick, and was in on 143 tackles... Had 43 sacks in three years.			
Terrell CADE LB	6-4, 210	San Diego, CA	Lincoln
Long Beach Press-Telegram Best in the West... Prep Football Report All-West... League Defensive Player of the Year... Had 119 tackles, 16 sacks, four blocked punts, 32 tackles for loss and one interception in 1993... Averaged 15.6 points and 12.8 rebounds per game in basketball.			
Rafael COOPER RB	6-0, 190	Detroit, MI	Chadsey
Prep Football Report and SuperPrep All-American... Honorable mention USA Today All-American... Detroit Free-Press rated No. 4 player in Michigan... Detroit News Dream Team... As a senior, rushed for 1,360 yards and eight scores and caught 12 passes for 211 yards and a touchdown... Finished with more than 6,000 career rushing yards.			
Elton DAVIS DB	5-9, 185	Boulder	Boulder
SuperPrep and Prep Football Report All-American... Rated No. 7 cornerback nationally by Max Emfinger... All-State... Had 49 tackles, eight pass deflections and three sacks as a senior... Rushed for 1,255 yards and 20 touchdowns... Caught seven passes for 100 yards and a score.			
Lendon HENRY RB	6-1, 200	Port Arthur, TX	Jefferson
USA Today second-team All-Southwest... Second-team All-State... District Most Valuable Player... Rushed for 1,235 yards and 14 scores in 1993... Caught 17 passes for 350 yards and two scores... As an inside linebacker, had 80 solo tackles, 52 assists, two forced fumbles, and two interceptions.			
Coleman JOHNSON OL	6-2, 290	Riverside, CA	Riverside Poly
SuperPrep and BLUECHIP All-American... Honorable mention USA Today All-American... Prep Football Report All-West... Graded 89.8 percent with 60 pancake blocks and recovered five of his team's fumbles as a senior... Three-year starter.			
Mike LORENTZ DL	6-4, 265	Thornton	Thornton
USA Today second-team All-American... BLUECHIP and SuperPrep All-American... The Sporting News Top 25 prospects list... Three-time All-League... As a senior, had 66 tackles, 11 sacks, two interceptions, two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries... Starting offensive tackle.			

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Aaron MARSHALL DL	6-4, 220	Chicago, IL	Lane Tech
Parade All-American... BLUECHIP and SuperPrep All-American... Super Prep rated No. 23 player in Midwest... Had 51 solo tackles, 39 assists, 12 tackles for losses and seven sacks in 1993... Baseball letterman.			
Leon MERRITT RB	6-3, 235	Detroit, MI	Henry Ford
Parade All-American... BLUECHIP and Prep Football Report All-American... USA Today Player of the Year in Michigan... Two-way All-City... As a senior, had 92 tackles, five sacks, 11 pressures, five forced fumbles, three fumbles recovered and three interceptions... Rushed for 1,280 yards and 15 scores... Kicked eight of 10 extra points and three field goals... Lettered in basketball and track.			
Clifton PETERS TE	6-3, 220	Pauls Valley, OK	Pauls Valley
BLUECHIP second-team All-American... SuperPrep All-Midlands... All-State... In 1993, caught 15 passes for 350 yards and four touchdowns, and rushed for 500 yards... At free safety, was in on 125 tackles and had three interceptions and nine fumble recoveries... State wrestling champion as a sophomore.			
Robert PORTIS DB	5-8, 155	Pittsburg, CA	De LaSalle
All-Northern California... Second-team All-State... Rushed for 980 yards (10.3 yards per carry avg.) and scored 30 touchdowns as a senior... Had five interceptions and five deflections... Averaged 20 yards per punt return and 40 yards per kickoff return... Three-time baseball letterman.			
Herchell TROUTMAN RB	5-8, 185	Naples, FL	Barron Collier
Honorable mention USA Today All-American... SuperPrep All-Florida... District Player of the Year... Had more than 5,000 career rushing yards... As a senior, rushed for 1,627 yards and 16 touchdowns, caught 20 passes for 280 yards... Lettered in basketball and track.			
Leodes VAN BUREN WR	6-0, 190	Newbury Park, CA	Newbury Park
Had national career record 269 receptions for 4,450 yards... BLUECHIP All-American... Honorable mention USA Today All-American... SuperPrep All-Far West... Had 101 catches for 1,660 yards and 20 touchdowns as a senior... On defense, had 40 solo tackles and two interceptions... Four-year starter... Had 52 career scores, including 47 touchdown receptions... Lettered in basketball and baseball.			
Marcus WASHINGTON DB/LB	6-3, 205	Colorado Springs	Harrison
Denver Post All-State... In 1993, had three sacks, three fumble recoveries, was in on 192 tackles and had four interceptions (three for scores)... Returned two punts for touchdowns... Was in on 457 career tackles... Lettered in basketball and track.			
Nick ZIEGLER OL	6-6, 230	Huntington Beach, FL	Huntington Beach
Prep Football Report All-West... League Defensive Player of the Year... On offense, did not allow a quarterback sack... As a senior defensively, was in on 80 tackles with 17 sacks, 15 tackles for losses and three caused interceptions... Lettered in volleyball.			

SPRING UPDATE

Injuries — not to mention it often scrimmaged against one of the best defensive fronts in the country — prevented Colorado's offensive line from operating at peak efficiency during spring practices.

Right tackle Derek West and tight end Christian Fauria, both returning starters, never suited up; West with a broken foot and Fauria with a lingering groin problem. Then Desmond Dennis, a starter in the double-tight end formation in Fauria's absence, tore knee cartilage during the first week and had arthroscopic surgery.

That forced CU to use redshirt freshmen Melvin Thomas at left tackle and Tennyson McCarty at tight end, both of whom played defense last year. And the right guard was Chris Naeole, a tackle last year who started at right guard in the Aloha Bowl.

Another new face in the offensive line was sophomore Kyle Smith, a defensive tackle last year who figures to replace left tackle Tony Berti in 1995.

Colorado wants to upgrade its passing game this year, and the spring results were mixed, thanks in part to shaky pass protection. But the quarterbacks and receivers were also working with a new coach, Rick Neuheisel, who joined the staff from UCLA.

Kordell Stewart solidified his position as the top quarterback as Koy Detmer showed some signs of rust in his passing mechanics following a redshirt season. Phil Savoy and senior Blake Anderson had excellent springs, meaning the Buffs will begin summer camp with

five proven wideouts.

Tailback Rashaan Salaam displayed added power and elusiveness, while converted Vance Joseph proved he can be a capable backup — if he's not beaten out by one of four incoming freshmen. Converted receiver Shay Davis had some moments at tailback before dislocating a shoulder.

At one point in the spring, Colorado had 13 players out with injuries, including, on offense, redshirt freshman tackle Aaron Wade, who suffered a stress fracture in his lower leg on the first day and did not practice again. Wade was to compete with Thomas at right tackle.

On defense, CU lost Maurice Henriques for the final three weeks with a shoulder injury. Henriques was the No. 1 strong safety at the time. But his injury and the move of T.J. Cunningham from wide receiver to free safety during the first week resulted in moving Tim Ross from free safety to strong safety.

At the end of spring drills, Steve Rosga was running ahead of Cunningham at free safety, with Donnell Leomiti holding an edge over Ross at strong safety.

The status of Kenny Wilkins, the No. 1 free safety at the start of the spring, was unknown. Wilkins was withheld from several practices for academic reasons, and he faced a battle to retain his eligibility.

proved to be a key backup for Stewart during an injury-plagued 1992 season, and had this not been Stewart's senior season, McCartney might have thrown the job open this season. To divert a possible quarterback controversy, he named Stewart the starter prior to spring ball.

Stewart, who holds most Colorado passing records, still has plenty of quality receiving targets, notably wideout Michael Westbrook and tight end Christian Fauria. Westbrook's numbers dropped from 76 catches and eight touchdowns in 1992 to 33 and two in '93, but he could thrive under the tutelage of new assistant coach Rick Neuheisel, who coached UCLA All-American J.J. Stokes last year. Fauria has caught 31 and 30 passes the past two years.

Rae Carruth, a sophomore redshirt who caught 14 passes in 1992, should replace Johnson, with James Kidd, Blake Anderson, redshirt freshman Phil Savoy, and freshman recruits Chris Anderson and Leodes Van Buren in reserve.

Warren (900 yards, seven TDs) bypassed his senior year to make himself eligible for the NFL draft. Perhaps he sensed his playing time would drop with the emergence of junior Rashaan Salaam, who started the final five games and finished with 844 yards and eight touchdowns.

Senior quarterback Vance Joseph moves to tailback, but one or more of four freshman recruits — Marlon Batnes, Rafael Cooper, Lendon Henry, and Herchell Troutman — could emerge as the backup.

Finding a second tight end in the double-tight end, two-wideout alignment is another priority. Converted tackle Matt Lepsis remains a leading candidate along with true sophomore Desmond Dennis.

But the Buffs want to take a close look in the fall at freshman signees Clifton Peters and Leon Merritt, recruited exclusively for the H-back position — a combi-

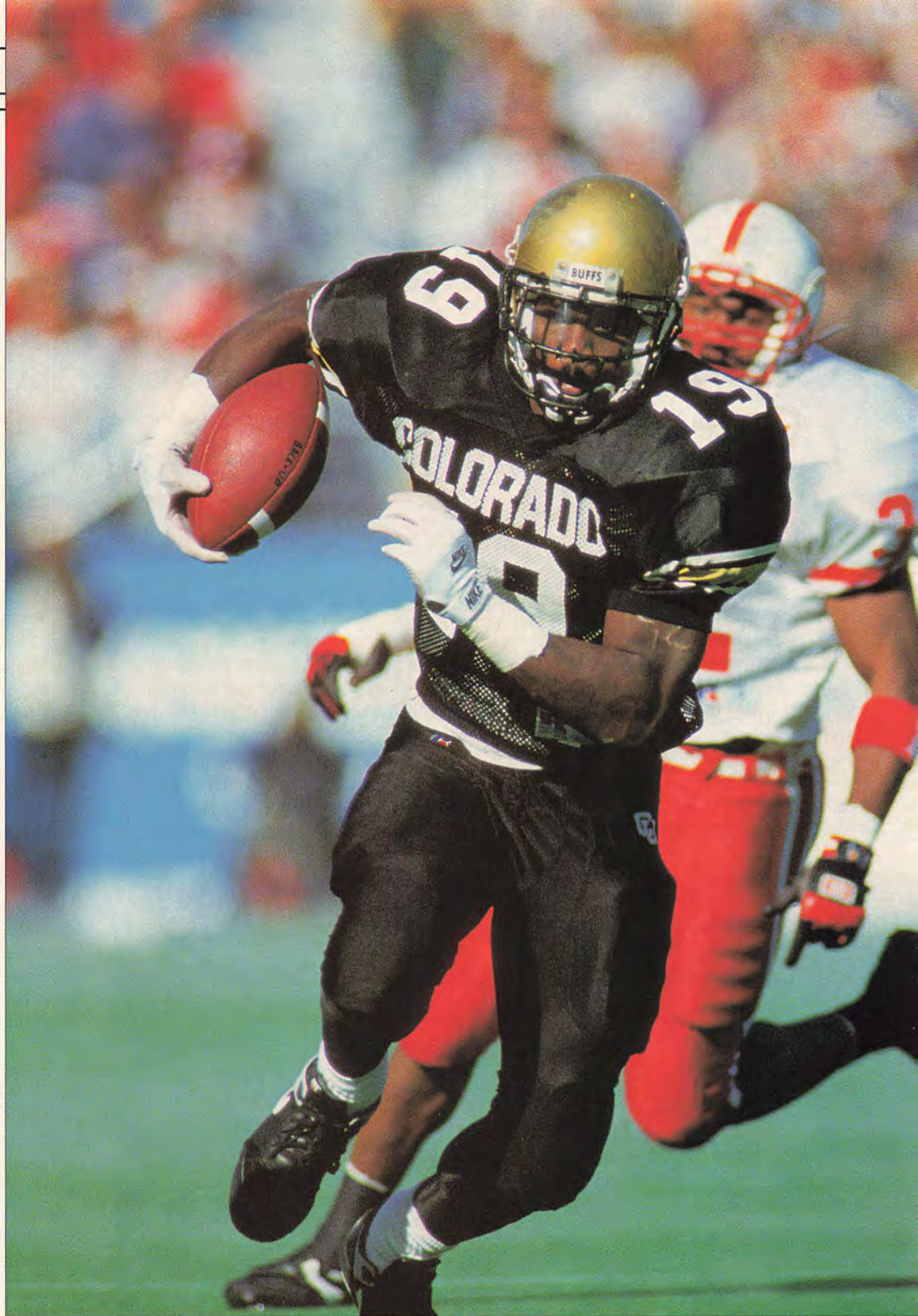
nation tight end/fullback with speed in the 4.6 range.

The offensive line emerged as a strength last year and only lost one starter. That replacement, at right guard, is converted tackle Chris Naeole, a sophomore with a big future.

Back are senior tackles Tony Berti (second-team All-Big Eight) and Derek

West, junior center Bryan Stoltenberg (second-team all-conference), and junior guard Heath Irwin.

There are unknown kickers, with 1993 kicker/punter Mitch Berger gone. Redshirt junior Neil Voskeritchian, who walked on last year as a junior college transfer, will do the place-kicking, with '93 recruit Andy Mitchell handling the punting. □



RUNNING BACK RASHAAN SALAAM STARTED THE FINAL FIVE GAMES IN THE '93 SEASON, AND FINISHED WITH 844 YARDS AND EIGHT TOUCHDOWNS.

PHOTO BY TIM DEFERSICO / ALLSPORT

Respect Dominates Sooner-Husker Battle

It's Good, Clean Football

By Michael Bradley

A few years ago, the producers of a video on the Nebraska-Oklahoma rivalry asked the late Bud Wilkinson if he could talk about what made the game so great. The former Sooner coach paused and then delivered a reply that might mystify modern-day football fans.

"He said that there just wasn't much to talk about, from his point of view," says Mike Treps, former sports information

director at Oklahoma. "It wasn't much of a rivalry when he coached at Oklahoma."

To those who have spent the last two-plus decades watching the two Midlands titans battle under a steel-gray late-November sky in a game often fraught with national championship implications, Wilkinson's reply could be construed as odd, or even disparaging. Of course, Nebraska-Oklahoma was important when

Wilkinson coached (1947-63). How could such a big game today have been virtually meaningless for nearly two decades?

But Wilkinson was right. From its commencement in 1912 until the mid-1960s, Oklahoma-Nebraska was hardly a competitive rivalry. The Cornhuskers dominated early, going 16-3-3 from 1912-1942, and the Sooners took over from '42 through 1968, winning 22 of 26. The game was rarely a blip on the national screen during that period, save as another entry in Wilkinson's 1950s winning streak. Unlike the Texas-Oklahoma game, which has thrived for so many years as an electrified border war, the Nebraska-Oklahoma game didn't reach true, big-time status until both teams took up near-permanent residence in the top 10 in the late 1960s.

Even then, there wasn't that much attention given the game. It took a gridiron phenomenon to catapult Nebraska-Oklahoma into the forefront of the college football world. That, of course, was the 1971 "Game of the Century." When a game can delay millions of Thanksgiving dinners nationwide, it has arrived.

"The 1971 game was, as far as I was concerned, the greatest game of all time," says Bob Devaney, Nebraska coach from 1962-72.

Despite his obvious prejudice, Devaney may be speaking the truth. The 1971 Nebraska-Oklahoma clash actually delivered on its pre-game hype. The top-ranked Cornhuskers overcame their second-ranked visitors, 35-31, in a game filled with offensive excitement, big plays, and enough plot twists to keep a Hollywood studio in business for years.

DESPITE THE HIGH STAKES, THE GAME FEATURES LITTLE OF THE ANIMOSITY THAT OTHER RIVALRIES MIGHT HAVE.

PHOTO BY JOHN WILLIAMSON



"We knew if we won the game, we were national champions, even though we still had a bowl game to play," says Johnny Rodgers, a wingback on the '71 Nebraska team and that year's Heisman Trophy winner. "But we had no idea the game would be remembered for decades and decades. No one could have known that."

The 1971 game catapulted Nebraska and Oklahoma into the national forefront, and the two teams have been significant national players ever since, dominating the Big Eight Conference in the process. The game featured at least one top-10 team from 1970-90, and in 15 of the 24 games since 1971, both teams have been among the 10 best. It is a rivalry created not by geography — the states don't border — but by the combined excellence of the two teams. Though Oklahoma has not matched Nebraska's recent success (wins in five of the last six), largely due to its post-Barry Switzer probation, the game still attracts considerable attention every day after Thanksgiving, its current schedule slot.

"Oklahoma has never had a bad football team in the 30 years I have been here as a head coach and an assistant," says Nebraska coach Tom Osborne, who holds a 9-13 record against the Sooners. "We have a lot of respect for them. Because it has decided the Big Eight champion so often, the game has taken on a life of its own."

Despite the high stakes, the game features little of the animosity that other rivalries might have. Maybe it's the distance between the schools — about 500 miles. Perhaps it's the low-key approach of Osborne, who rarely says anything even remotely controversial. Whatever the reason, you won't see any Cornhusker fans trying to hijack the Sooner Schooner. Aside from the traditional hailstorm of oranges (symbolizing the Big Eight champ's trip to the Orange Bowl) after every big touchdown in the game, there isn't too much going on beyond good, clean football.

"It sounds corny, but the two teams really respect each other," says Bob Berry, who handles Oklahoma radio broadcasts. "Oklahoma and Texas kind of hate each other, and Oklahoma and Oklahoma State definitely hate each other, but Oklahoma and Nebraska respect each other."

"It's a hard-knocking big rivalry, but there's no dirty stuff."

Oklahoma coach Gary Gibbs agrees. He played in Norman from 1971-74 and has coached there ever since.

"We have a great appreciation for how they play the game," he says. "It's a very competitive, hotly-contested game, but there is not a whole lot of trash being talked before, during, or after the game."

During the early days of the rivalry, Nebraska dominated, and subsequently ruled the Missouri Valley Conference, winning 13 titles from 1907-26. The Huskers remained bullies of the new

Big Six, which debuted in 1928, winning nine titles between '28 and 1940. During that period, Nebraska also dominated Oklahoma, winning 10 of 12 from 1931-42.

THE BEST OF THE BEST

1 1971 — Nebraska 35, Oklahoma 31

In what is arguably the most exciting college football game ever played, No. 1 Nebraska was able to uncork more big plays than No. 2 Oklahoma to win this Thanksgiving showdown.

What was originally expected to be a battle of two top defenses detonated into an offensive free-for-all, with the two teams combining for 829 yards of total offense.

Jeff Kinney was nearly unstoppable for the Cornhuskers, rushing for 154 yards in the second half alone and scoring four touchdowns. Wingback Johnny Rodgers had a scintillating 72-yard punt return, and quarterback Jerry Tagge was effective on the ground and through the air. Five weeks later, the Cornhuskers had their second-consecutive national title.

2 1976 — Oklahoma 20, Nebraska 17

Things looked bleak for the eighth-ranked Sooners in Lincoln. They trailed their 10th-ranked hosts, 17-14, with time running out and plenty of real estate to cover.

But Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer wasn't conceding anything. He broke out a pair of gadget plays — a halfback option pass and the hook-and-lateral play — to set up a 2-yard touchdown dive by Elvis Peacock in the final seconds to turn sure-fire defeat into an amazing triumph. The win was the fourth in five games for the Sooners over Nebraska.

3 1959 — Nebraska 25, Oklahoma 21

Oklahoma and coach Bud Wilkinson came into the game riding a 74-game conference unbeaten string and left with a one-game losing streak.

The Cornhuskers used two field goals from sophomore Ron Meade and a 61-yard punt return for a touchdown by Pat Fischer to stun the Sooners. Though the win was trumpeted across the Midlands as the beginning of the downfall of the Wilkinson Empire, it could not save the job of Nebraska coach Bill Jennings, who was midway through a five-year tenure of losing seasons and was fired after the 1961 season.

4 1978 — Nebraska 17, Oklahoma 14

The top-ranked Sooners' potent wishbone offense dissolved in a torrent of fumbles, and Oklahoma absorbed an upset loss in Lincoln — OU's first against the Cornhuskers since 1971.

Particularly culpable was Sooner halfback Billy Sims, the 1978 Heisman winner, who lost a fumble on the 3-yard line late in the game that could have propelled Oklahoma to a third national title during the 1970s.

Rick Berns rushed for 113 yards and a TD for Nebraska, and senior monster back Jim Pilen had eight tackles and two fumble recoveries. The two teams met again in the Orange Bowl, with the Sooners prevailing, 31-24.

5 1987 — Oklahoma 17, Nebraska 7

The top-ranked Cornhuskers talked trash before the game, but it was the second-ranked Sooners who collected the win, using their brutal defense to shut down the potent Nebraska offense.

Oklahoma intercepted three Husker arials in the second half — safety Rickey Dixon had two — and held Nebraska to just 235 yards in total offense. On offense, the Sooners overcame injuries to quarterback Jamelle Holieway and fullback Lydell Carr to pile up 444 yards. OU went on to lose to Miami in the Orange Bowl, ending its national title hopes.

But the fun ended in '42 for the Cornhuskers. Nebraska descended into a malaise of mediocrity, while the Sooners began to shine. Oklahoma dominated the Midlands through the 1940s and '50s, winning 16 straight against Nebraska, capturing 16 Big Six/Seven/Eight titles and winning national titles in 1950, '55, and '56. Under Wilkinson, the Sooners won 57 straight games (1954-57) and were unbeaten in 74 consecutive conference games. But a 25-21 loss to Nebraska in 1959 snapped that string and began Oklahoma's slow slide back to the rest of the league.

"That was the first crack in Oklahoma's armor," Treps says. "It was the first sign that the Big Eight was building itself up to Oklahoma's level."

After Wilkinson left, the teams began their three-decade period of swapping bragging rights. There were the occasional upsets, like in 1964, when Oklahoma knocked off the fourth-rated Cornhuskers, 17-7. But the real action began in '71, when Nebraska won the big one. It is ironic that then-Sooner coach Chuck Fairbanks played end at Michigan State when Devaney was an assistant there.

The 1971 game catapulted Nebraska and Oklahoma into the national forefront, and the two teams have been significant national players ever since.

Devaney retired in 1972, leaving the team with Osborne, who has won nine or more games for 21 consecutive seasons. But his recent success against the Sooners hasn't been able to erase completely the difficulties he had against Barry Switzer-coached Oklahoma clubs. Switzer was 12-5 against Osborne, including a pair of four-game winning streaks and a three-game string.

"I don't like to talk about the rivalry that much," Osborne says. "If we win that one, it's OK, and if we lose, it's awful. But there is enough emphasis on college football so that every game is important."

Despite the lopsided Oklahoma record ledger, there were some classics during the period, like Nebraska's 17-14 win over the top-ranked Sooners in 1978 and Oklahoma's twin 17-7 triumphs over No. 1 Nebraska in '84 and '87. When Switzer was ousted after violations and transgressions too numerous to detail here, the rivalry lost a little luster. As the Sooners try to rebuild, the Cornhuskers show little mercy. But it never gets nasty. And even as the two schools head for life in the newly formed Big 12 in different divisions — one gets the impression that the respect will continue as long as the two schools play football.

"We have a lot of respect for them, and I think they're doing things honestly today," Osborne says. "I think it's been a very healthy rivalry, and there have never been any incidents. A lot of it is due to the coaches — Devaney, Fairbanks, Switzer, Wilkinson, Gibbs, and myself.

"We've tried to promote a good spirit for the game, and the fans have bought into it. We've always been treated well there, and they've always been treated well here."

And the fans have been treated to some classics. □

RODGERS SUCCESSFUL IN ANY LANGUAGE

The challenge sits right in front of Johnny Rodgers, as daunting and perilous as any stacked defense or crazy kick coverage team. Rodgers overcame most of those tests, starring as a multi-purpose threat at Nebraska and later with the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League. Only a knee injury prevented him from the same kind of success in the NFL.

And Rodgers' confident voice tells you that this new trial is surmountable as well. Rodgers wants to subdue it, and so it will be subdued.

Four semesters of Spanish.

OK, so it won't be carried on national TV or trumpeted with giant headlines. Rodgers is just another student these days, trying to complete his degree in broadcast communications at

Nebraska and hoping to embark on a

career as a producer of cultural films for syndication. All he needs is two years of a foreign language to finish his coursework. For the average undergrad, Spanish can range from a cakewalk to modern-day hieroglyphics. To someone 20 years removed from the academic world, it is perilous indeed.

"I'll get it done," Rodgers says with a laugh. "I wanted to be in the electronic media, and to do that, I needed specific training. I could have gotten it in the business world, but I decided to come to a university with tremendous production facilities. And that means having to take care of things like Spanish."

While Rodgers tackles Spanish, football fans remember how difficult it was for enemies to tackle him. His 72-yard punt return in the Cornhuskers' epic, 35-31 win over Oklahoma in 1971, remains a staple on many highlight reels, and his season-long excellence in 1972 resulted in a Heisman Trophy.

"I had quite a few good games as an individual, but because the two teams were so highly-ranked in the 1971 game (Nebraska was first, Oklahoma second), that punt return is remembered," Rodgers says. "I have punt returns I cherish more than that one, and I had much better games than that one, but I guess the stakes weren't as high."

After leaving Nebraska, Rodgers chose to play in the CFL, where the wider, longer fields were perfect for his speed and agility. He was the league's Rookie of the Year in '73, the MVP in 1976, and a four-time all-pro. He might have starred with the San Diego Chargers, but a serious knee injury ended his career after just three seasons. It couldn't, however, end the memories of his accomplishments at Nebraska.

"Johnny had a great competitive spirit," says Bob Devaney, Nebraska coach from 1962-72. "He wasn't a big kid, but he had tremendous change of direction and pace. He was a great ball-carrier and probably the best football player I ever coached."

That says a lot — in any language.



SCHEDULES

COLORADO

Sept. 3	NORTHEAST LOUISIANA
Sept. 17	WISCONSIN
Sept. 24	at Michigan
Oct. 1	at Texas
Oct. 8	at Missouri
Oct. 15	OKLAHOMA
Oct. 22	KANSAS STATE
Oct. 29	at Nebraska
Nov. 5	OKLAHOMA STATE
Nov. 12	at Kansas
Nov. 19	IOWA STATE

IOWA STATE

Sept. 3	NORTHERN IOWA
Sept. 10	at Iowa
Sept. 17	WESTERN MICHIGAN
Sept. 24	RICE
Oct. 1	at Oklahoma
Oct. 15	KANSAS
Oct. 22	at Oklahoma State
Oct. 29	MISSOURI
Nov. 5	at Kansas State
Nov. 12	NEBRASKA
Nov. 19	at Colorado

KANSAS

Sept. 1	at Houston
Sept. 10	MICHIGAN STATE
Sept. 17	at TCU
Sept. 24	ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM
Oct. 6	KANSAS STATE
Oct. 15	at Iowa State
Oct. 22	OKLAHOMA
Oct. 29	OKLAHOMA STATE
Nov. 5	at Nebraska
Nov. 12	COLORADO
Nov. 19	at Missouri

KANSAS STATE

Sept. 3	SOUTHWESTERN LA.
Sept. 17	RICE
Sept. 24	MINNESOTA
Oct. 6	at Kansas
Oct. 15	NEBRASKA
Oct. 22	at Colorado
Oct. 29	at Oklahoma
Nov. 5	IOWA STATE
Nov. 12	at Missouri
Nov. 19	OKLAHOMA STATE
Nov. 26	at UNLV

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MISSOURI

Sept. 3	TULSA
Sept. 10	at Illinois
Sept. 17	at Houston
Oct. 1	WEST VIRGINIA
Oct. 8	COLORADO
Oct. 15	at Oklahoma State
Oct. 22	NEBRASKA
Oct. 29	at Iowa State
Nov. 5	at Oklahoma
Nov. 12	KANSAS STATE
Nov. 19	KANSAS
Nov. 26	at Hawaii

NEBRASKA

Aug. 28	West Virginia*
Sept. 8	at Texas Tech
Sept. 17	UCLA
Sept. 24	PACIFIC
Oct. 1	WYOMING
Oct. 8	OKLAHOMA STATE
Oct. 15	at Kansas State
Oct. 22	at Missouri
Oct. 29	COLORADO
Nov. 5	KANSAS
Nov. 12	at Iowa State
Nov. 25	at Oklahoma

*Kickoff Classic at East Rutherford, N.J.

OKLAHOMA

Sept. 3	at Syracuse
Sept. 10	at Texas A&M
Sept. 17	TEXAS TECH
Oct. 1	IOWA STATE
Oct. 8	vs. Texas*
Oct. 15	at Colorado
Oct. 22	at Kansas
Oct. 29	KANSAS STATE
Nov. 5	MISSOURI
Nov. 12	at Oklahoma State
Nov. 25	NEBRASKA

*at Dallas

OKLAHOMA STATE

Sept. 1	at Northern Illinois
Sept. 17	at Baylor
Sept. 24	TULSA
Oct. 1	NORTH TEXAS
Oct. 8	at Nebraska
Oct. 15	MISSOURI
Oct. 22	IOWA STATE
Oct. 29	at Kansas
Nov. 5	at Colorado
Nov. 12	OKLAHOMA
Nov. 19	at Kansas State

OKLAHOMA STATE COWBOYS

JONES SAYS CLUB IS YOUNGER, BUT BETTER

By Mac Bentley



It wasn't supposed to be this way.

The struggle was supposed to be over. The sun was supposed to be shining by now, the clouds just a painful memory.

The Oklahoma State Cowboys, stung in January, 1989 by NCAA sanctions which ranked second only to the death penalty served by Southern Methodist, would serve their time, shake the effects, take a big breath of fresh air, and start winning football games again.

It wasn't going to be easy, it wasn't going to be quick, but it was going to be certain. Or so it seemed.

The recovery has been slow, and physical fitness is still beyond the horizon. Having won 44 games in the five seasons before probation, the Cowboys have won only 15 games in the five years following. It may be tempting to promise better days ahead, but it may also be premature.

"We might have to back up before we go forward," says head coach Pat Jones, 59-53-2 in the 10 years since Jimmy Johnson went to Miami. "It's a funny situation in that we're younger than we were a year ago, when we started six freshmen at one time or another."

The Cowboys knew scholarship limitations prescribed in NCAA sanctions would adversely affect their roster, both in numbers and talent. To keep the ship afloat, they dealt heavily in junior college prospects, a practice which kept them competitive. The bills are now coming due, however.

"We're really not gaining any ground numerically — we lose 22, we sign 25," said Jones. "But that's that two-year cycle with those juco guys, although they did get us going a little bit. I can live with it as long as we've got good young players coming up."

"These guys got some on-the-job training that will ultimately pay dividends for us, although I'm not sure when. And we've got to put more pressure on the incoming group, both high school and junior college, than you would like. That's not an ideal situation."

"We're bringing in a fairly heralded crop, probably the best in six or seven years, and we're going to expect some input out of them, which you don't like to have to do."

It will not be a new experience. The Cowboys' quarterback, tailback, and most promising wide receiver all started as true freshmen last season. So did two offensive linemen and a defensive end.

The Cowboys are pleased with their talent, there just isn't enough of it. The offensive line is set, but there is not an ounce of experience to back it up. The defense, which has made conservative but steady improvement since the 1988 season when it was as bad as Barry Sanders was good, was stripped by graduation of its biggest playmakers.

OKLAHOMA STATE AT A GLANCE

Team Strengths: Offensive backfield, starting offensive line, defensive line, kicking game.

Possible Weaknesses: Offensive line depth, wide receiver depth, line-backers, secondary.

Key Losses: Keith Burns, LB; Richie Ansley, LB; Scott Harmon, FS; Jason Gildon, DE.

Players to Watch: Tone Jones, QB; David Thompson, TB; Rafael Denison, FL; Linc Harden, LB; Lorenzo Green, DT; Lawson Vaughn, K; Cleavon Williams, CB.

Again, the upcoming and incoming talent is promising, but unproven. The key at Oklahoma State for 1994 is maturity — how much and how fast.

"That's going to tell the tale, probably, whether we're any good or not," said defensive coordinator Bill Miller.

"Realistically," said offensive coordinator Mike Gundy, "two years from now we should be where we were in the late '80s. We've got some good young players, and the older players in the program have been through hard times. If they didn't have their heart in playing the game they wouldn't be here, because a lot of them have left, they couldn't take not winning and us pushing them through what we've put them through."

"If they're here now, they're probably pretty tough."

Oklahoma State was 3-8 last year, with victories over Southwest Missouri State, Tulsa, and Texas Christian in the first four weeks of the season. The Pokes lost games by two, three, four, and seven points, and had Nebraska down heading into the fourth quarter.

Their biggest losses on offense were offensive linemen — Matt Jose, Anthony Greenlee, Scott Hall, and Mike Butler. Only Butler, though, was strong enough to completely ward off challenges by younger players.

On defense, the Pokes were hit hard. Gone are linebackers Keith Burns and Richie Ansley, end Jason Gildon, and safeties Scott Harmon and Charles Verner. Also gone is punter Scott Tyner, a most valuable tool for an offense that struggled all season.

Miller terms the situation at linebacker "scary," and that's where he will be

RAFAEL DENSON LEAD THE RECEIVERS WITH 27 CATCHES AND 356 YARDS.

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SPRING ROSTER

No.	NAME	Pos.	CLASS	Ht.	Wt.	HOMETOWN	No.	NAME	Pos.	CLASS	Ht.	Wt.	HOMETOWN
2	Louis Adams	DB	So.	6-2	220	Pontiac, MI	76	Kelly Klare	OL	Fr.	6-6	310	Houston, TX
18	Arlando Bates	DB	So.	5-9	160	Muskogee	89	Jevon Langford	DE	So.	6-4	255	Washington, DC
1	Russell Berrien	TB	Sr.	5-9	195	Midwest City	64	Derek Leinen	OL	So.	6-4	295	Amarillo, TX
12	Scot Billey	QB	So.	6-1	175	Durant	80	Kris Lofton	WR	So.	6-1	185	Oklahoma City
87	Greg Brown	TE	Fr.	6-3	215	Marlow	84	Kent Luck	WR	So.	5-10	160	Muskogee
8	Paul Brown	DB	So.	5-9	175	Dallas, TX	86	Larry Mahsetky	SE	So.	6-1	190	Moore
52	Ryan Cambern	LB	Jr.	5-11	215	Jenks	71	Calvin Menephee	OL	Fr.	6-4	290	Houston, TX
26	Jitu Criddle	DB	So.	6-1	185	Houston, TX	7	Delvin Myles	DB	Sr.	5-10	180	Anchorage, AK
63	Mike Curtis	OL	Jr.	6-1	240	Stillwater	27	Jack Nichols	DB	So.	5-11	190	Haltom City, TX
22	Rafael Denson	ZB	Sr.	5-8	180	Ardmore	59	Alan Orts	OL	Sr.	6-3	292	Virginia Beach, VA
29	Mike DeLisa	DB	Fr.	5-10	180	Tinley Park, IL	16	Roger Pfeiffer	DB	So.	6-4	220	Yukon
15	Trent Fisher	DB	So.	5-11	185	Putnam City	51	David Snow	OL	Fr.	6-1	250	Spring, TX
53	Chad Glasgow	LB	Sr.	5-9	200	Woodward	49	Marc Spatz	LB	Sr.	6-2	230	Haysville, KS
45	Kelcey Graves	LB	Fr.	6-0	215	Virginia Beach, VA	4	Fred Thomas	WR	Jr.	6-1	195	Lawton
98	Lorenzo Green	DT	Jr.	6-3	260	Miami, FL	91	Sam Thomas	DE	Jr.	6-4	230	Dallas, TX
6	Geoff Grenier	FB	Jr.	6-1	235	Fullerton, CA	28	David Thompson	TB	So.	5-9	185	Okmulgee
96	Jay Grosfield	DT	So.	6-4	255	Dumas, TX	92	Matt Thompson	LB	So.	5-11	220	Sand Springs
68	Bryan Guillory	OL	So.	6-3	270	Houston, TX	33	Chad Trendle	DB	Jr.	5-11	175	Shattuck
57	Linc Harden	LB	Sr.	6-4	240	Galveston, TX	25	Shane Varnell	DB	Fr.	6-2	200	Stillwater
17	Asaf Harris	SE	Jr.	5-8	175	Houston	13	Lawson Vaughn	PK	Jr.	6-0	165	Edmond
48	Josh Henson	LB	So.	6-3	233	Tuttle	93	Skip Walker	DE	Sr.	6-2	275	Homestead, PA
42	Eric Hobbs	LB	Sr.	6-0	235	Pine Bluff, AR	67	Scott Waterbury	OL	Jr.	6-5	290	Arlington, TX
56	Bryan Hope	OL	Jr.	6-5	265	Oologah	82	Dwayne Watts	TE	Sr.	6-4	230	San Francisco, CA
99	Kevin Ingram	DL	Sr.	6-6	276	Fort Pierce, FL	24	John White	TB	Sr.	5-11	215	Akron, OH
20	Joe Jefferson	FB	Sr.	5-10	215	Galveston, TX	11	Cleavon Williams	DB	Sr.	5-10	178	New Orleans, LA
40	Daryl Johnson	TB	So.	5-8	195	Wheeling, WV	30	Kevin Williams	DB	So.	6-1	180	Pine Bluff, AK
81	Jerold Johnson	SE	Jr.	6-0	180	New Orleans, LA	90	Norman Williams	DL	Sr.	6-0	240	Lawton
88	Derek Jones	TE	Sr.	6-3	235	Palestine, TX	95	Tyler Williams	DE	Sr.	6-2	260	Edmond
19	Johnny Jones	DB	Jr.	6-0	175	Coryers, GA	2	Mark Wilson	QB	Sr.	6-1	213	Upland, CA
9	Toné Jones	QB	So.	5-11	185	Tulsa		Roddy Wortham	LB	Sr.	5-11	230	

COWBOYS STATISTICS

PASSING

NAME	ATT	COMP	YARDS	PCT	TD	INT
Jones	111	54	608	48.6	1	5
Porter	69	37	478	53.6	2	3

RUSHING

NAME	No	YARDS	AVG	Lg	TD
Thompson	111	466	4.2	22	1
Johnson	97	401	4.1	36	1
Jefferson	89	331	3.7	26	3

RECEIVING

NAME	No	YARDS	AVG	Lg	TD
Denson	27	356	13.2	56	3
Culver	23	346	15.0	62	1
Thomas	114	182	13.0	25	1
Johnson	13	144	11.1	21	0

TACKLES

Burns (107), Ansley (93), Gildon (76),
Verner (74), Harmon (65),
Williams (64), Harden (56)

INTERCEPTIONS

Verner (4), Langford (1), Burns (1), Green (1),
Fisher (1), Criddle (1), Harmon (1), Ansley (1)

COACH: PAT JONES

59-53-2, 10 years; 59-53-2 overall, 10 years

1993 Record: 0-7/8th; 3-8 overall

Stadium: Lewis Field (50,440)

COWBOYS OFFENSE

NUMBER	QUARTERBACK	YEAR
9	Toné Jones*	Sophomore
2	Mark Wilson	Senior
NUMBER	FULLBACK	YEAR
6	Geoff Grenier	Junior
20	Joe Jefferson	Senior
NUMBER	TAILBACK	YEAR
28	David Thompson*	Sophomore
40	Daryl Johnson	Sophomore
NUMBER	FLANKER	YEAR
22	Rafael Denson*	Senior
1	Russell Berrien	Senior
NUMBER	SPLIT END	YEAR
80	Kris Lofton	Sophomore
86	Larry Mahsetky	Junior
NUMBER	TIGHT END	YEAR
88	Derek Jones*	Senior
82	Dwayne Watts	Senior
NUMBER	LEFT TACKLE	YEAR
64	Derek Leinen	Sophomore
76	Kelly Klare	Freshman
NUMBER	LEFT GUARD	YEAR
68	Bryan Guillory	Sophomore
78	Kelly Klare	Freshman
NUMBER	CENTER	YEAR
58	Bryan Hope	Junior
51	David Snow	Freshman
NUMBER	RIGHT GUARD	YEAR
59	Alan Orts	Senior
71	Calvin Menephee	Freshman
NUMBER	RIGHT TACKLE	YEAR
67	Scott Waterbury*	Junior
71	Calvin Menephee	Freshman

*Returning starter

COWBOYS DEFENSE

NUMBER	LEFT END	YEAR
93	Skip Walker*	Senior
91	Sam Thomas	Junior
NUMBER	LEFT TACKLE	YEAR
98	Lorenzo Green*	Junior
96	Jay Grosfield	Sophomore
NUMBER	RIGHT TACKLE	YEAR
95	Tyler Williams*	Senior
90	Norman Williams	Junior
NUMBER	RIGHT END	YEAR
89	Jevon Langford*	Sophomore
99	Kevin Ingram	Senior
NUMBER	STRONG SIDE LINEBACKER	YEAR
57	Linc Harden*	Senior
48	Josh Henson	Sophomore
NUMBER	MIDDLE LINEBACKER	YEAR
49	Mark Spatz	Senior
45	Kelcey Graves	Freshman
NUMBER	WEAK SIDE LINEBACKER	YEAR
42	Eric Hobbs	Senior
	Roddy Wortham	Senior
NUMBER	LEFT CORNERBACK	YEAR
7	Delvin Myles*	Senior
26	Jitu Criddle	Sophomore
NUMBER	RIGHT CORNERBACK	YEAR
11	Cleavon Williams*	Senior
19	Johnny Jones	Junior
NUMBER	STRONG SAFETY	YEAR
30	Kevin Williams	Sophomore
8	Paul Brown	Freshman
NUMBER	FREE SAFETY	YEAR
15	Trent Fisher	Sophomore
2	Louis Adams	Sophomore

seeking the most help from incoming players. The only two returning are Linc Harden (6-4, 230) and Eric Hobbs (6-0, 225), who split time at the "Willie" line-backing position last season. Harden has been moved to the Sam position and full-back Marc Spatz occupied the middle during spring drills.

"Other than that, there isn't one on the campus," said Miller.

Two outstanding junior college prospects will arrive in the fall — Alamu Bailey out of Fort Scott, Kan., "a big, physical kid who runs well," said Miller, and James Elliott out of Garden City, Kan., "a great high school linebacker who, in junior college, played fullback and then tailback, so he's got some running ability."

Three incoming high school players will be given an opportunity — Stephen Cager of Dallas, Russell Ensey of Lancaster, Texas, and Jamal Williams of Washington, D.C.

"Those guys were all down players who are being projected up, which is a real projection," said Miller. "It'll be tough, but we'll just have to wait and see what comes out in the wash. I'm looking at two jucos coming in, and one of those guys will probably have to start at Mike, unless Spatz can do it. Last year we had four for three positions, and that's probably what we'll be in again except two of those guys won't have any experience."

"I really think Linc can be an above-average guy, just by how well he runs."

The front four should be fairly solid, with the most experience on defense. Returning to the interior are Lorenzo Green (6-2, 250), Tyler Williams (6-2, 250), Norman Williams (5-10, 240), and Jay Grosfield (6-4, 240).

"If you pick one position that was consistent, it's probably the defensive tackle position," said Miller, "where guys are solid as starters, guys you can depend on to not necessarily be great, but be consistent. I guess we're at that point right now that we're looking for constants."

Jevon Langford (6-4, 225) is a playmaker at defensive end, and Kelvin Ingram (6-5, 258) made a move at the other end during the spring. O-State is also bringing in Demetrious Crowder out of Northeastern A&M and Tomiko Godbold out of Detroit.

"Jevon is a pretty talented kid, but he's still young and pretty raw in terms of what he does on the football field," said Miller. "Kelvin's a big ol' kid who can run pretty well. Crowder can really solidify it for us, and Godbold is, on paper, what you're look-



DAVID THOMPSON (5-9, 180) ESTABLISHED HIMSELF AS THE STARTING TAILBACK AS A TRUE FRESHMAN OUT OF OKMULGEE, OKLA., BUT HIS DEBUT WAS DELAYED SEVERAL WEEKS BY A VARIETY OF MINOR INJURIES.

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ing for to play defensive end in this scheme. So there are a number of bodies that give us a chance at the position."

The top hand in the secondary is cornerback Cleavon Williams, who came to the Pokes as a juco transfer last year. Delvin Myles, another juco, returns at the other corner and needs to be more consistent, says Miller. Junior college transfer Johnny Jones arrived in the spring and will provide some competition, if not start.

The Pokes have no experience at safety. Kevin Williams, a heralded high school quarterback in Arkansas, saw little action last season but is the probable starter at strong safety this fall. Louis Adams, also a true sophomore, sought relief from OSU's crowded situation at tailback and is the likely starter at free safety.

"In time, Adams could probably be pretty good," said Miller. "He's got some natural instincts and abilities back there."

Miller, it's obvious, is headed into the summer months with much on his mind.

"Losing the guys we've lost gives you a pretty good reason to toss and turn (in

your sleep)," he said. "It'll be a real critical two-a-day camp to get another linebacker to start, and get those young secondary guys primed to execute during the season."

The picture is somewhat brighter on the other side of the football, but the offense has not been productive since the 10-2 season of 1988, when Gundy and Sanders and Hart Lee Dykes and a veteran, talented offensive line produced 10 victories.

Players who started at least one game last year return at every position. The Cowboys can expect to be solid in the backfield but are perilously thin at wide receiver and dangerously thin on the offensive line.

"We have five (linemen) with experience, three with no experience," explained Gundy, who quarterbacked the Cowboys until 1989. "To be honest, we're in a jam at that spot, and we're going to be in a jam for at least two more years. I'm not saying the guys we have can't do it, I'm saying that beyond that we have no experience."

COWBOYS RECRUITING

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Trent ALEXANDER QB/DB	6-0, 175	Tulsa	Booker T. Washington
Completed 42 of 83 passes for 640 yards and eight touchdowns last season... Coaches' Association All-State... Projected to play defense.			
Alamu BAILEY LB	6-1, 265	Kansas City, KS	Fort Scott C. C.
First-team All-Conference... Had 58 unassisted tackles, 37 assists, two sacks and one interception.			
Londell BRIGHT WR	5-6, 155	Detroit, MI	Henry Ford
Ranked No. 40 player in Michigan by <i>Detroit Free Press</i> .			
Barry BROWNING DB	5-10, 185	Fort Worth, TX	Everman
Rated by the <i>Dallas Morning News</i> as a Top 100 recruit... Four-year starter... Benches 350 pounds.			
Stephen CAGER LB	6-1, 230	Dallas, TX	Carter
First team All-State by the <i>Associated Press</i> ... All-District... One of nine players from Carter to commit to a major college football program.			
Demetrius CROWDER DE	6-3, 255	Eufaula	N. E. Oklahoma A&M J.C.
In 1993, had 35 solo tackles and 34 assists... Led team with 10 sacks for minus 78 yards... Caused four fumbles, recovered three fumbles and had one pass deflection... Had 26 solo tackles, 19 assists and three sacks as a freshman at Northeastern.			
James ELLIOTT LB	6-0, 235	Newport News, VA	Garden City J. C.
Spent most time at running back at Garden City... In 1993, had 1,270 yards rushing and 12 touchdowns... First-team All-Jayhawk Conference... Honorable mention All-American.			
Billy ENSEY L	6-3, 240	Lancaster, TX	Lancaster
<i>Dallas Morning News</i> Top 100 area recruit... Had 100 tackles and 22 sacks his senior year... All-District... Three-year letterman in football and a four-year letterman in track... Two-time first-team All-District.			
Russell ENSLEY L	6-4, 255	Lancaster, TX	Lancaster
<i>Dallas Morning News</i> Top 100 list... District Defensive Most Valuable Player... All-Area... Had more than 100 tackles in 1993... Named to the Elite 50 list by <i>Athlon</i> ... Scholastic All-District as a junior... Two-time state qualifier in the discus.			
Micah FIELDS L	6-2, 255	El Paso, TX	Coronado
Starter at offensive guard and defensive tackle... All-District.			
Tomiko GODBOLD L	6-4, 250	Detroit, MI	Henry Ford
Signed last year by Eastern Michigan but did not attend... Rated as the 37th-best prospect in Michigan by the <i>Detroit Free Press</i> .			
Travis HARTFIELD QB	6-2, 195	Watonga	Watonga
Four-year starter at both quarterback and linebacker... Led team to state title while throwing for 1,600 yards, running for 1,000 yards and scoring a combined 43 touchdowns... <i>USA Today</i> honorable mention All-American... All-State by the <i>Daily Oklahoman</i> .			
Greg IVY P	6-0, 190	Atlanta, TX	Navarro J. C.
First-team junior college All-American... Led the nation in punting in 1993 with 42.6 yard average.			

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Marquie JEMISON DB	5-11, 160	Detroit, MI	Henry Ford
Ranked as the 41st-best player in Michigan by the <i>Detroit Free Press</i> .			
Johnny JONES DB	5-10, 170	Conyers, GA	N. E. Oklahoma A&M J. C.
Had 22 unassisted tackles and 12 assists in 1993... Had seven passes broken up and blocked one field goal... Started five games as a freshman, finishing with eight tackles and five assists.			
Chris LEWIS L	6-5, 250	Houston, TX	Forest Brook
First team All-District offensive lineman... Three-year starter.			
Alonzo MAYES TE	6-6, 252	Oklahoma City	Rose State J. C.
Originally signed with Oklahoma State, but did not qualify... Attended Rose State Junior College.			
Doug MAZIUR WR	6-2, 175	Converse, TX	Judson
All-District... Team won back-to-back state championships... Had 34 receptions for 635 yards and seven touchdowns... Averaged 18.7 yards per reception.			
Tim McNEAL WR	6-3, 190	Dallas, TX	Bishop Dunne
Scored four touchdowns in the first round of the state playoffs... Had 30 receptions for more than 400 yards... <i>USA Today</i> honorable mention All-State... Top 40 prospect in Texas.			
Jeremy OFFUTT L	6-5, 260	Paris, TX	North Lamar
Started on both offense and defense... First team All-District at offensive guard and second team All-district at defensive tackle.			
Andre RICHARDSON RB	5-9, 175	Dallas, TX	Carter
Rated No. 21 running back nationally by <i>SuperPrep</i> ... As a senior, rushed for 1,527 yards on 182 carries and 20 scores... As a junior, carried for 1,113 yards and 14 touchdowns.			
Taurus RUCKER DE	6-1, 240	Denison, TX	Denison
Rated No. 51 player in Texas by <i>SuperPrep</i> ... Had 221 tackles and 13 sacks over the past two seasons... Recorded 105 tackles and five sacks as a senior.			
Bo SPRINGFIELD DB	5-11, 175	Denison, TX	Denison
Rated No. 52 player in Texas by <i>SuperPrep</i> ... Has 4.4 speed in the 40... Had 45 tackles and five interceptions last season.			
Craig STRICKLAND QB	6-2, 180	Oklahoma City	Carl Albert
All-State... Led team to the state championship... Passed for 1,819 yards and 23 touchdowns in 1993... He threw for 314 yards in the state title game.			
Chris THOMPSON WR	6-3, 195	Dallas, TX	Bishop Dunne
Two-time state champ in the 400 meters... Two-time runner-up in the 200 meters... Has 10.6 time in the 100 meters and a 4.4 time in the 40.			
Jim VILLANUEVA L	6-3, 275	Houston, TX	Westfield
First team All-District.			
Jamal WILLIAMS LB	6-3, 245	Washington D.C.	Archbishop Carroll
<i>SuperPrep</i> All-American... Rated as the fourth-best prospect in the Mid-Atlantic region by <i>SuperPrep</i> ... Led team with 95 tackles and seven sacks last season.			

SPRING UPDATE

With just a little more than 60 bodies to work with this spring, Oklahoma State was stretched pretty thin trying to fill all the holes left by graduation.

One problem was solved when running back Louis Adams told coaches he would like to move to the defensive secondary, where they were scratching their heads over the loss of safeties Scott Harmon and Charles Verner.

It was no small sacrifice.

"Every (running back) that comes in here wants to be Thurman Thomas or Barry Sanders," said coach Pat Jones. "We don't want to do anything to dissuade them from that, but he came to us and asked about the move. I want him to be totally comfortable with it, and he is."

Adams, 6-2 and 215 pounds, was a fairly heralded recruit coming out of Pontiac, Mich., but played sparingly as a true freshman last season. His remarkable leaping ability made him valuable on goal-line situations, however, and it's anticipated he will continue that role during his sophomore season.

"He's a pretty talented guy who had a great off-season," said Jones.

Oklahoma State is well-stocked at tailback, especially with the return of John White, a part-time starter as a freshman two years ago. An injury forced him to redshirt last season, but he was impressive this spring.

Junior Scott Waterbury (6-4, 285), who came out of Arlington, Tex., as a tight end, was moved from offensive guard to offensive tackle in a move suggested by the Cowboys' lack of experienced linemen. They have five experienced starters, no experienced back-ups.

Senior Marc Spatz (6-2, 230) was moved from fullback to middle linebacker to make room for Geoff Grenier, who sat out last season after transferring from Colorado State. Spatz, perhaps the hardest worker on the team, still may need help from incoming linebackers to fill the position manned the last two seasons by Keith Burns.

The Cowboys will be looking for help from incoming players at several positions, including quarterback, where starter Toné Jones returns for his second season. Jones missed several games with a shoulder injury last year.

"The question in my mind is, can he stay well?" said Jones. "There are things he certainly needs to improve on, but I'm extremely high on his leadership qualities; I'm extremely high on his intelligence; I'm extremely high on his competitiveness; and he is a guy who we trust."

The Cowboys anxiously await the arrival of two Oklahoma high school quarterbacks — Craig Strickland of Midwest City Carl Albert and Travis Hartfield of Watonga.

Because of their low numbers, which Jones characterizes as the worst since 1979, the Cowboys trimmed back their scrimmage time and escaped the spring without serious injuries.

"We're coming off a frustrating year, not necessarily one where we got embarrassed, but one with a bunch of real close losses," said Jones. "Sometimes I think we're real far away. But I have to say it is encouraging as coaches to have a bunch like this."

"I think we're all pretty cranked about the thing."

"What you run into is if you put five guys out there on game day, and they never get fatigued and never get hurt, we're just fine. But once we get to that next level, we're going to be playing with guys who aren't ready to play from the standpoint of never having played in college. We don't have the luxury of putting a lineman in who has been here three years, has been on the scout team a year or two, has played the year previous in a backup role."

The front five will consist of tackles Derek Leinen (6-4, 270) and Scott Waterbury (6-4, 285), guards Bryan Guillory (6-3, 265) and Alan Orts (6-3, 292), and center Bryan Hope (6-4, 260).

The backfield is set, although health will be a concern. Tone Jones moved into the starting quarterback position as a true freshman out of Tulsa last year, hit 54 of 111 passes for 608 yards and gave his team some much needed stability before missing the final three games because of a shoulder injury.

He'll be backed up by squadman Mark Wilson, but help will be expected from incoming freshmen Travis Hartfield and Craig Strickland, a couple of 6-2, 200-pound Oklahoma youngsters who led their teams to state championships.

David Thompson (5-9, 180) established himself as the starting tailback as a true freshman out of Okmulgee, Okla., but his debut was delayed several weeks by a variety of minor injuries. His backups — Boogie Johnson and John White — are more than capable.

Geoff Grenier, who sat out last season after transferring from Colorado State, has coaches excited at fullback, where they already were quite pleased with the play last year of juco transfer Joe Jefferson.

The Cowboys are fairly solid at tight end, although concerned about a couple of knees, with Derek Jones and Dwayne Watts, and are looking forward to the arrival of blue chip prospect Alonzo Mayes, who was signed out of Oklahoma City, but had to spend a year in junior college.

Proven performers exist at wide receiver, but the Cowboys will be extended when they sit down a tight end and go to three wideouts. Leading receiver Rafael Denson (27 catches, 356 yards), the former tailback, returns along

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with Kris Lofton, who played extensively as a true freshman. Fred Thomas, a third wideout with experience, will have to escape Jones' doghouse over the summer if he is to make a contribution.

"Lofton played well in the spring, although at times he's been like a fresh-

man," said Gundy. "He'll make some mistakes, but he's a 6-2, 205-pound guy who can run pretty well and is pretty physical. I think once he figures out he can play at this level, and is comfortable, he could be a real good college player."

After visiting with Jones, Miller, and Gundy, it's obvious sugarcoating is not on their agenda for 1994. They've dealt with the disappointment of five consecutive losing seasons.

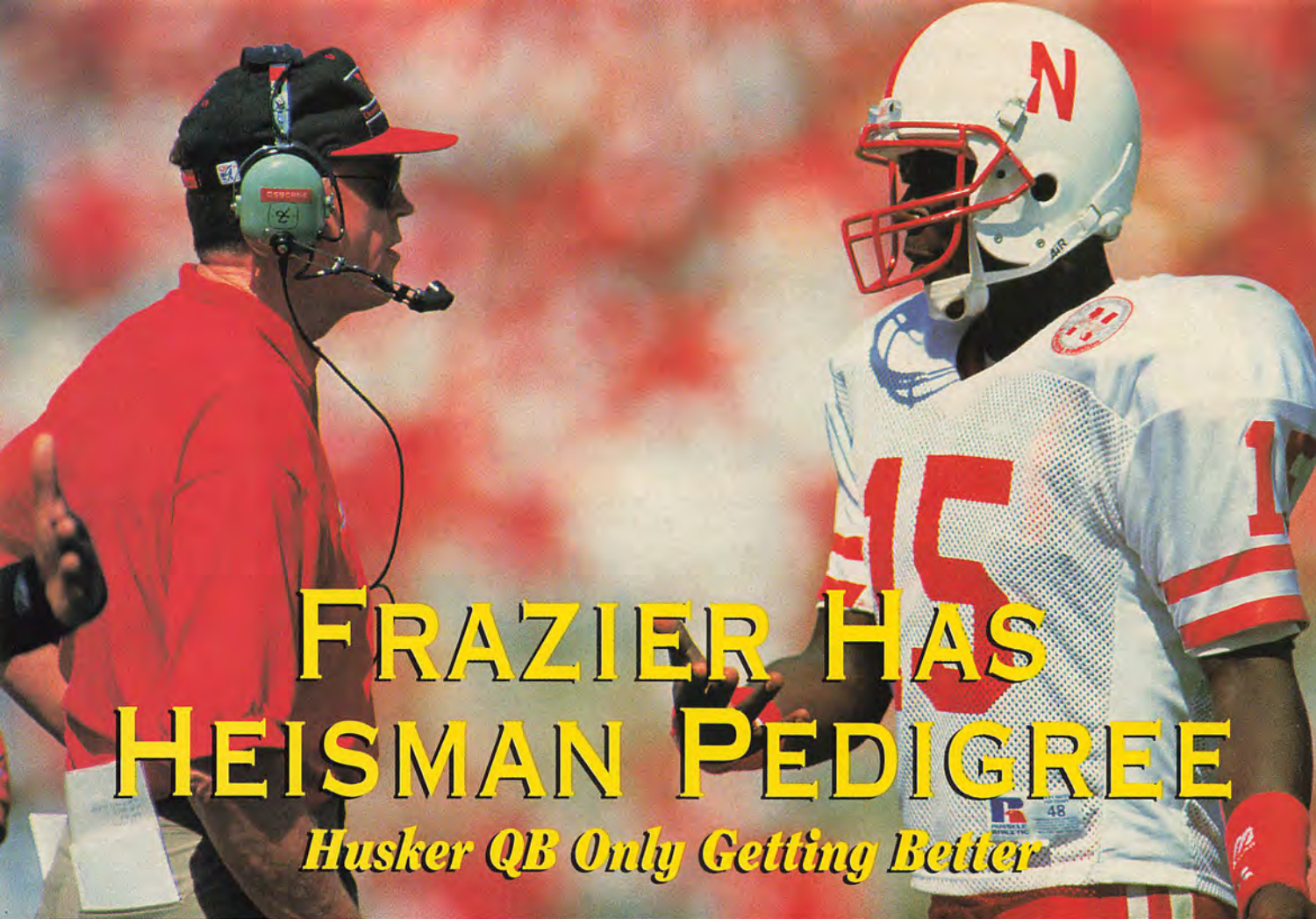
"Younger, probably more enthusiastic, hungrier, and in some areas not very much depth," Jones says. "It's not going to be easy, it's going to be tough. But on the same hand, if some of these guys come along, we've got a chance to win some ballgames."

"Logically, we may not be mature enough yet." □



STONE JONES HIT 54 OF 111 PASSES FOR 608 YARDS AND GAVE HIS TEAM SOME MUCH NEEDED STABILITY.

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FRAZIER HAS HEISMAN PEDIGREE

Husker QB Only Getting Better

NEBRASKA HEAD COACH TOM OSBORNE AND QUARTERBACK TOMMIE FRAZIER.

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By Tom Wheatley

In 22 years as head coach at the University of Nebraska, Tom Osborne has had dozens of great players and great leaders.

Tommie Frazier may not end up as the greatest of them all. But, he does have the biggest head start of any quarterback in the annals of the Cornhuskers. In recent history alone, that gives him the jump on option legends Turner Gill and Steve Taylor.

Frazier, only a junior, has acted like a salty veteran since his first day of summer camp in 1992.

"Tommie is remarkable for having done as well as he has as a freshman," Osborne said. "We've never had a true freshman quarterback come in and play like he did."

Gill, now the Huskers quarterbacks coach, was astounded at the way Frazier took over in midseason as a rookie with no redshirt seasoning.

"He raised the level of all the other 10 guys on the team," Gill said. "As a matter of fact, he raised the level of all 100 guys, even the scout team guys. That's the kind of guy Tommie is."

As a sophomore last year, Frazier almost pushed the Huskers (11-1) to the national title. He held his own in his showdown with senior quarterback Charlie Ward of Florida State, the Heisman Trophy winner.

Frazier led his teammates, 17-point underdogs, on two clutch drives late in the game. One set up a go-ahead field goal. The other set up what would have been the game-winner from 45 yards out.

That game positioned the Huskers near the pole in their annual chase for Osborne's first national title. That showing also put the 6-2, 200-pound Frazier in the front row of 1994 Heisman Trophy contestants.

Only all-purpose back Johnny Rodgers (1972) and tailback Mike Rozier ('83) have won that award for the Huskers. It is not silly to mention Frazier, 20 years old on July 16, with those Big Red legends.

"He has remarkable poise and confidence and also is a very fast learner," Osborne said. "A year ago, his passing was probably average at best. And all the other aspects — leadership and the mental aspect — were very good for a freshman."

"This year, I think he improved as a passer. It's still probably the area that he needs the most work. He's an excellent runner. And his knowledge of our offense and the game really improved significantly, which you would hope."

"So at this stage, I think he's playing at a level quite consistent with the best players we've had. Turner Gill played freshman football, and as a sophomore started for us after the third game. Steve Taylor, same way. He played freshman ball and played for us as a sophomore. Tommie started the last seven games as a freshman. So he did more earlier than anybody we've ever had."

"The thing that's really set him apart is how quickly he's learned things. He's really picked it up as fast as anybody we've ever had."

Frazier was steeped in the option game on a championship level at Manatee High in Bradenton, Fla.

"I think his high school career served him well," Osborne said, "because he was involved in that playoff system they have down there in Florida. He played 14, 15 games his junior and senior year, and maybe his sophomore year, too. So he probably

played 40-45 games during his career there at a pretty high level of competition."

Frazier played some off the bench as a sophomore, when Manatee won the Florida 5-A (large schools) title. As a junior starter, he led his team to the state semifinals. Manatee lost in the second round in Frazier's senior year, but he threw for 17 touchdowns and nearly 1,000 yards.

Possibly the best option quarterback prospect in the country, he was coveted by Notre Dame, Clemson, Colorado, Syracuse, and Georgia Tech. He did not come to Lincoln to get a free seat at soldout Memorial Stadium.

"I don't like sitting on the sideline," Frazier said. "I just prepare myself to go out and play."

Gill noticed that immediately, saying, "When he came here, he set a goal to be the starting quarterback that first year. Once he stepped on this campus, he really worked hard in every phase of the game. He did everything to prepare himself. He asked a lot of questions. He watched a lot of film."

"Usually a freshman comes in and says, 'Well, I'm not really going to get a chance to play. I'll wait until next year.'"

Mike Grant, a senior, was the starting quarterback. Frazier and another freshman were penciled in as seventh and eighth on the depth chart.

"Then he worked his way up," Gill said. "After our first scrimmage, he went up to about fourth team."

Before the opener at home with Utah, Gill asked Frazier, "Do you want to redshirt or not? Right now, you're number four. If we blow this team out and win by 30 or 40 points, you might get five snaps. There's no guarantee you'll play."

Frazier quickly rejected the redshirt. The Nebraska staff, impressed by that gung-ho attitude, made a commitment to the confident youngster.

"We didn't care if he got one play or 30 plays, we were going to work him in," Gill said.

It would be nice to say that the Frazier legend began with his first snap.

Nice, but not accurate.

"The first play he got in, he actually went the wrong way," Gill said, laughing at the memory of the Utah game. "There were 76,000 people there, but there was no pressure on him, because the game was won. He just turned the wrong way."

"I had told him, well, the first play is going to be the toughest play in your whole career. My first game, when I went in, my first thought was: I just want to get the snap."

As the butterflies flew away, Frazier's career blasted off. By the third or fourth

game, he was second team and still charging.

"Finally, in the fifth game of the year, Mike Grant had a bad back and was questionable," Gill said. "It was the week of our second Big Eight game, with Missouri."

Gill lobbied on Frazier's behalf, telling Osborne: "Coach, I think he's ready. Mike could play, but I feel like Tommie's very, very talented. He has great running skills. He did well in practice. We may need him down the road against Colorado and Oklahoma."

Osborne's response: "Well, here we go."

Gill's response: "We just crossed our fingers."

Frazier's response: A fourth quarter rally that pulled out a 34-24 victory, 17 rushes for 77 yards and three touchdowns, 9-of-20 passing for 157 yards and no interceptions.

"He played extremely well," Gill said. "He ran one bootleg play where he jumped

over people for the score, and you just said, 'Wow!'"

Frazier admitted to some mortal feelings before that big debut.

"Yes, I was nervous," he said. "Anybody would be nervous when they make their first start. Then, when I got out there and things started going, I saw my teammates getting more confidence in me. Then the butterflies went away and I started being more focused on running the offense."

His teammates, loyal to a senior quarterback now on the sideline, made it tough on the freshman.

"At first they did," Frazier said. "But then when they saw the type of person I was — I'd do anything to win — I think they respected me for that. Then, all of a sudden, they were behind me."

The Huskers went 5-2 in 1992 with Frazier as the starter, including a Big Eight title. They lost to No. 3 Florida State in the Orange Bowl, with Frazier passing

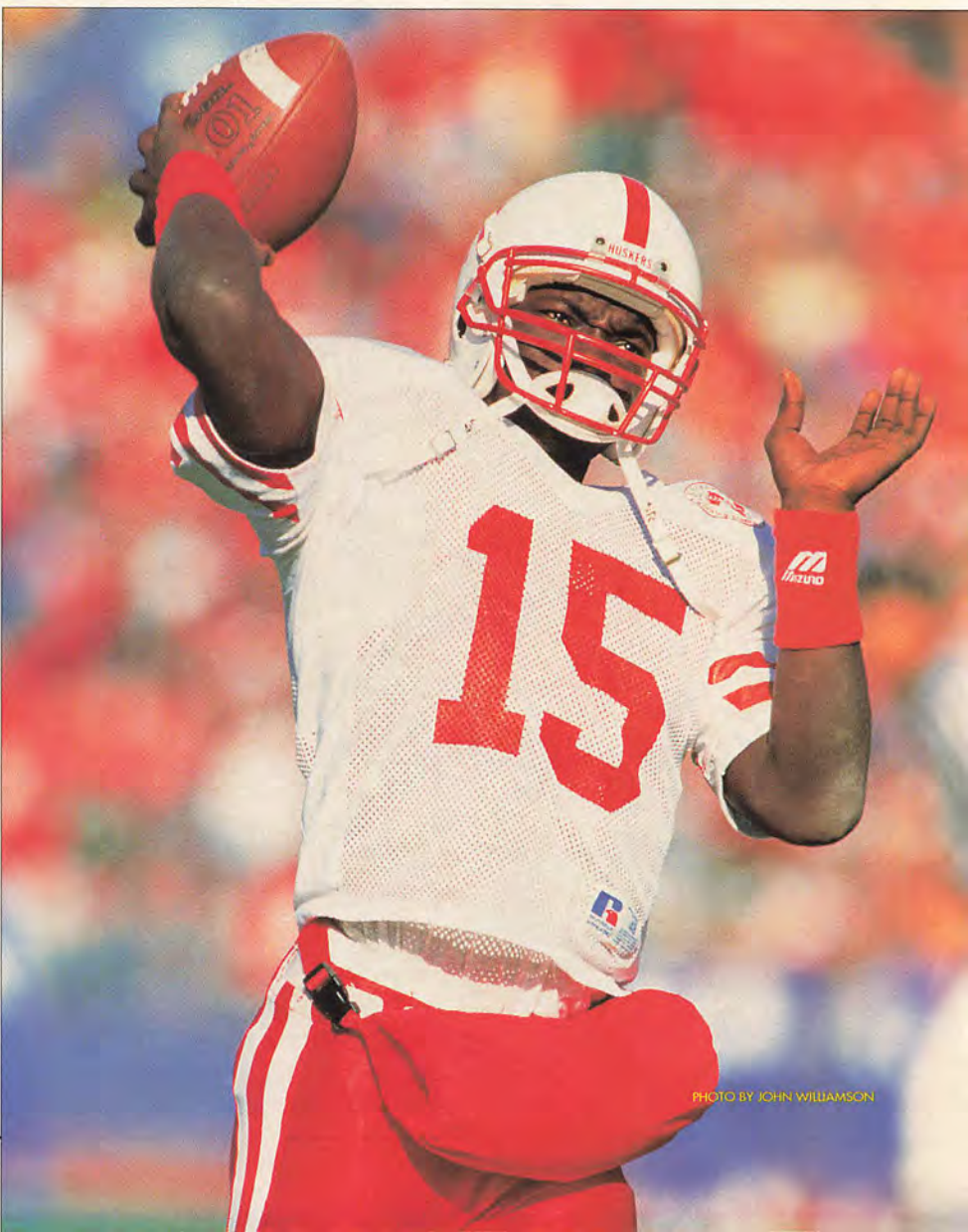


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for two touchdowns. Last season, they were 11-0 before another Orange Bowl loss to Florida State.

"I think that was my best performance of the year," said Frazier, chosen Nebraska's Most Valuable Player for the game.

His Heisman stock rose, but he seemed happier about the rise in respect that the Huskers earned against FSU.

"Most people who haven't seen us play always say Nebraska plays these light

teams," Frazier said. "But five or six teams we played were bowl teams. Look what we did against Florida State. I don't see that as being a light schedule."

He also doesn't see the Heisman hoopla as a distraction.

"I'll just have to handle it the way I've been handling it," Frazier said. "Just going out and staying focused on letting my teammates get the job done."

"If my performance, with their help, is good enough for me to win it, then I'm

going to be happy. But there's a very slim chance of one person winning it. It would be great if I win it, but it would be great just to be recommended as a Heisman candidate."

He can't control voters. He can control victories.

"I want to see a repeat of last year," Frazier said. "With one thing different. We win the national championship."

With Tommie Frazier, the Huskers have a head start on the pack. □

HUSKERS HAVE A LOT OF OPTIONS

The marquee role in Nebraska's powerful offense is the option quarterback. From 1981-83, Turner Gill starred in the part. From 1986-88, Steve Taylor was featured. Since 1992, the role has been in the precocious hands of Tommie Frazier. Some coaches are lucky to see one player of that caliber in a locker-room lifetime. Nebraska coach Tom Osborne has been thrice blessed. And the best may be the latest.

Gill and Taylor played sparingly as freshmen and did not start until their sophomore years.

Frazier is the first Husker to start as a freshman, taking over in mid-season in 1992 and compiling a 5-2 record. He then went 11-1 last season, including a controversial 18-16 loss to Florida State for the national title in the Orange Bowl.

So after Frazier's sophomore year, the Huskers are 16-3 when he has started.

As a sophomore in 1981, Gill was 6-0 as a first-time regular. In three years with Gill as a starter, Nebraska was 28-2 overall and 20-0 in the Big Eight.

Gill's only losses were:

- 27-24 at eventual national champion Penn State in his junior year;
- 31-30 to Miami for the national title in the Orange Bowl as a senior, when Gill's two-point conversion try failed. The Huskers finished No. 2 in both major polls.

In 1986, when Taylor was a sophomore starter, the Huskers were 10-2 and ranked No. 5 by the *Associated Press*, their best finish in his career. Taylor's three-year record as a starter was 31-6.

The three quarterbacks went about their winning ways in their own way.

"Steve Taylor was the fastest of the three," Osborne said. "Tommie is probably the more durable, the more powerful runner of the three. In terms of overall grasp and confidence level, because of his high school preparation, Tommie came in better prepared to play early than any of them.

"So I think Tommie was probably a little further along as an option quarterback from day one.

"Turner was probably the better passer of the three. And Turner probably had the better supporting cast of the three. When Turner played, we had great people around him."

The cast included Heisman Trophy-winning running back Mike Rozier, wide receiver Irving Fryar, tackle Dean Steinkuhler, running back Roger Craig, tight end Jamie Williams, fullback Tom Rathman, and center Dave Rimington.

"That was an unusual group of football players," Osborne said. "I think Frazier's got a good cast, but probably not quite what Turner had there."

Physically, the three were similar.

Gill was 6-1, 190 pounds. Taylor was 6-0, 205. Frazier is 6-2, 200.

In personal performance, Frazier's sophomore season ranked ahead of his gifted predecessors:

- Gill (1982)—Rushing: 263 yards, 3.5 average, three touchdowns. Passing: 47 of 91, 619 yards, nine TDs, four interceptions;
- Taylor (1986)—Rushing: 537 yards, 4.1 average, nine TDs. Passing: 52 of 124, 808 yards, eight TDs, seven interceptions;
- Frazier (1993)—Rushing: 704 yards, 5.6 average, nine TDs. Passing: 77 of 162, 1,159 yards, 12 TDs, four interceptions.

Gill, now coaching quarterbacks for Nebraska, is helping Frazier plow through the school's hallowed record book. Gill believes his star pupil will improve.

"In his junior and senior year, you're going to see a much better passer as far as accuracy," Gill said. "Tommie had a 47 percent completion rate last year. We'd like for him to be at 55 percent, and he can do it."

"He has the strength in the arm. He has the technique. He reads defenses well. He just needs to coordinate it all."

Frazier enjoys having Gill as a coach, although he never saw his mentor play.

"He never brings up what he did and tries to make me do it," Frazier said.

Gill put Frazier at ease when the unbeaten Huskers played No. 1 Florida State on New Year's Day.

"When we got to the Orange Bowl, that's all we heard about, was Nebraska losing to Miami on that two-point conversion they failed to get," Frazier said.

Before the game, Gill told Frazier: "Just don't worry about what happens in this game. We came here and we lost. If we win now, I'm gonna be happy for you. And if we lose, I'm gonna be happy for you, too. Because this could be a once-in-a-lifetime deal."

Frazier went out and twice rallied his team late in the game. One drive led to a field goal and a short-lived 16-15 lead. The other drive set up a missed 45-yard field goal that would have won the game on the last play.

"I told him he couldn't play any better than that," Gill said.

What Frazier remembers most was Gill telling him not to brood over the national title that slipped away.

"He told me, 'Hey, it happened to me, too,'" Frazier said.

As a player, a spectator for some of Taylor's games and as Frazier's coach, Gill may be in the best position to compare Nebraska's great trio of option quarterbacks.

"Steve was a very, very exceptional runner," Gill said, "and he was a little above average as a passer. He could make a so-called dead play into a big play."

"Tommie has that ability, too. And he's a better thrower."

And what about comparing himself to Frazier?

Gill laughed, then stonewalled in perfect coachly fashion.

"What I do on this deal," Gill said, "is wait till he's done after four years."

As with Turner Gill and Steve Taylor, the final record of Tommie Frazier is likely to speak for itself.

Scoping The Nation

By John Hadley



Here is another edition of the much desired, very controversial, and incredibly entertaining section we refer to as "Scoping the Nation."

"Scoping" puts the world of college football in perspective, rating each and every facet of the game. We are proud to again offer the insights and opinions of Mike Gottfried, Danny Sheridan, and Mel Kiper. These gentlemen rate among the best informed and most knowledgeable analysts in the game.

Sheridan registered an impressive outing last year with numerous "bull's-eye" picks and ousting Gottfried as the "championship prognosticator."

DANNY SHERIDAN — CNN/USA Today

TOP 10: 1. (tie) Florida State and Notre Dame ("The way it should have been last season, and will be this year."); 3. Wisconsin; 4. Michigan; 5. Alabama; 6. Florida; 7. Arizona; 8. Nebraska; 9. Colorado; 10. Texas A&M.

PICKING THE CONFERENCES: ACC-Florida State; Big East-Miami; Big Eight-Nebraska; Big Ten-Wisconsin; Pac-10-Arizona; SEC-East/Florida, West/Alabama; SWC-Texas A&M.

RATING THE HEISMAN CANDIDATES: 1. Tyrone Wheatley, RB, Michigan; 2. J.J. Stokes, WR, UCLA; 3. Brent Moss, RB, Wisconsin; 4. Ron Powlus, QB, Notre Dame; 5. Eric Zeier, QB, Georgia; 6. Warrick Dunn, RB, Florida State; 7. Joey Galloway, WR, Ohio State; 8. James Stewart, RB, Miami; 9. Darrell Bevell, QB, Wisconsin; 10. Derrick Brooks, LB, Florida State. *Worthy of Mention:* Ki-Jana Carter, RB, Penn State; Tommie Frazier, QB, Nebraska; Leeland McElroy, RB, Texas A&M; Texas WR Duo of Mike Adams and Lovell Pinkney; Dan White, QB, Arizona, and Sherman Williams, RB, Alabama.

SLEEPERS: Arkansas; Colorado State; Illinois; Louisiana State; New Mexico, and Washington State. "Expect continued improvement from Virginia Tech."

COACHES IN THE HOTSEAT: Jim Colletto, Purdue; John Cooper, Ohio State; Ray Goff, Georgia; Doug Graber, Rutgers; George Perles, Michigan State; Chuck Reedy, Baylor; Chuck Stobart, Memphis State; Jim Walden, Iowa State.

PREDICTIONS: *Kickoff Classic*-Nebraska over West Virginia; *Disneyland Classic*-Ohio State over Fresno State; *SEC Championship*-Alabama over Florida.

MIKE GOTTFRIED — EPSN

TOP 10: 1. Florida State; 2. Michigan; 3. Notre Dame; 4. Florida; 5. Stanford; 6. Colorado; 7. Alabama; 8. Nebraska; 9. Miami; 10. (tie) North Carolina and Tennessee.

RATING THE AWARD CONTENDERS: *Heisman*-1. Tyrone Wheatley, RB, Michigan; 2. Steve Stenstrom, QB, Stanford; 3. Eric Zeier, QB, Georgia; 4. Brandon Bennett, RB, South Carolina; 5. J.J. Stokes, WR, UCLA. *Butkus*-1. Derrick Brooks, Florida State; 2. Sean Harris, Arizona; 3. Lorenzo Styles, Ohio State. *Outland*-1. Warren Sapp, DT, Miami; 2. Jim Hoffman, DT, Arizona; 3. Derrick Alexander, DE, Florida State; Tedy Bruschi, DE, Arizona. *O'Brien*-Steve Stenstrom and Eric Zeier; *Doak Walker*-Tyrone Wheatley and Brandon Bennett.

MOST UNDERRATED PLAYERS: Mike Adams, WR, Texas; Joey Galloway, WR, Ohio State; Anthony Shelman, RB, Louisville.

TOP I-AA COACHES: Jim Donnan, Marshall; Boots Donnelly, Middle Tennessee State; Jim Hoffer, Cornell; Jim Marshall, Richmond.

TOP OFFENSIVE ASSISTANT COACHES: Rocky Alt, Hawaii; Brad Childress, Wisconsin; David Cutcliffe, Tennessee; George DeLeone, Syracuse; Darrell Moody, North Carolina; Gary Nord, Georgia Tech; Joe Punzio, Minnesota; George Warhop, Boston College.

TOP DEFENSIVE ASSISTANT COACHES: Bob Davie, Notre Dame; Larry Marmie, Tennessee; Larry MacDuff, Arizona; Artie Gigantino, California; Cal McCombs, Air Force; Bill Oliver, Alabama; Danny Smith, Georgia Tech; Tom Tuberville, Texas A&M.

PROGRAMS ON THE UPSWING: Georgia; Louisville; Michigan State; South Carolina; Texas.

RATING THE CONFERENCES: 1. Southeastern; 2. Atlantic Coast; 3. Pacific-10; 4. Big Ten; 5. Big East; 6. Big Eight; 7. Southwest; 8. Western Athletic.

BEST STADIUMS FOR BROADCASTS: Tennessee/Neyland Stadium; Auburn/Jordan-Hare Stadium; North Carolina/Kenan Memorial Stadium; Clemson/Memorial Stadium; South Carolina/Williams-Brice.

TOP PLAY-BY-PLAY BROADCASTERS: "Ron Franklin is the best, right in there are Mike Patrick and Sean McDonough. Obviously, Keith Jackson is Keith Jackson."

TOP YOUNG AD: "Here are a few top notch additions to the world of athletic directors-Dave Hart, East Carolina; David Housel, Auburn; Joe Castiglione, Missouri.

PREDICTIONS: Kickoff Classic-Nebraska over West Virginia; Disneyland Classic-Ohio State over Fresno State; SEC Championship-Alabama over Florida.

CRYSTAL BALL: "In the fall of 1999 there will be two new in-state rivalries. Auburn and Alabama-Birmingham will play in Birmingham, and South Florida and Florida State will meet in Tampa.

CRYSTAL BALL #2: "There will be a national championship tournament implemented by 1996 with four to eight teams competing. I'd like to see a field of 16."

MEL KIPER — ESPN/Kiper Draft Publication

TOP 10: 1. Florida State; 2. Notre Dame; 3. Florida; 4. Miami; 5. Nebraska; 6. Michigan; 7. Penn State; 8. Colorado;

— TOP NEWCOMERS —

OFFENSE

Tavian Banks	RB	Iowa	Redshirt Freshman
Tony Banks	QB	Michigan State	JUCO
Eric Boykin	QB	West Virginia	T/Michigan
Daymon Carter	RB	Kentucky	JUCO
Fred Coleman	WR	Washington	Redshirt Freshman
Jason Flegeance	OT	Texas A&M	Freshman
Eric Gray	QB	Kentucky	JUCO
Ray Harris	OL	Ohio State	Redshirt Freshman
Keyshawn Johnson	WR	Southern Cal	JUCO
Tebucky Jones	RB	Syracuse	Redshirt Freshman
George Lombard	RB	Georgia	Freshman
Tommy Luginbill	QB	Georgia Tech	JUCO
Kris Mangum	TE	Mississippi	T/Alabama
Peyton Manning	QB	Tennessee	Freshman
Garrick McGee	QB	Oklahoma	T/Arizona State
Scott Nelson	QB	Mississippi	JUCO
Jeff Watson	QB	Baylor	Freshman
Darrell Wilson	RB	Texas	Redshirt Freshman
LaVale Woods	RB	Southern Cal	Redshirt Freshman

DEFENSE

J.J. Brown	LB	South Carolina	T/Michigan
Jason Chorak	DE	Washington	Redshirt Freshman
Marvin Davis	DT	Miami	Redshirt Freshman
Trent Driver	LB	Texas A&M	Freshman
James Grier	DT	Miss. State	Redshirt Freshman
Errick Herrin	LB	Southern Cal	JUCO
Tyrone Hines	LB	Tennessee	Redshirt Sophomore
Warrick Holdman	LB	Texas A&M	Freshman
Jerry Lemon	DT	Fresno State	Freshman
Clarence Mack	CB	Miss. State	T/UNLV
Robert Mason	LB	Baylor	Redshirt Freshman
Reggie Rusk	CB	Kentucky	JUCO
Rasheed Simmons	LB	Michigan	Freshman
Shwan Springs	CB	Ohio State	Redshirt Freshman
C.J. Williams	CB	Georgia Tech	Redshirt Freshman

RATING THE NATION'S BEST BY POSITION

QUARTERBACKS

1. Georgia
2. Florida
3. Southern Cal
4. Florida State
5. Colorado
6. Miami
7. Stanford
8. Maryland
9. Nebraska
10. California

RUNNING BACKS

1. Texas A&M
2. North Carolina
3. Tennessee
4. Florida State
5. Oklahoma
6. Michigan
7. Wisconsin
8. Penn State
9. Notre Dame
10. Miami

WIDE RECEIVERS

- (Includes tight ends)
1. Boston College
 2. Wisconsin
 3. Fresno State
 4. Miami
 5. Texas
 6. UCLA
 7. Michigan
 8. Stanford
 9. Maryland
 10. Virginia

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

- (Includes tight ends)
1. Tennessee
 2. Florida State
 3. Florida
 4. Wisconsin
 5. Nebraska
 6. Arizona
 7. Michigan
 8. Texas
 9. Boston College
 10. Michigan State

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

1. Florida
2. Arizona
3. Miami
4. Alabama
5. Colorado
6. Florida State
7. Washington State
8. Michigan State
9. Kansas State
10. Baylor

LINEBACKERS

1. Illinois
2. Florida State
3. Michigan
4. Ohio State
5. North Carolina
6. Miami
7. Georgia Tech
8. Michigan State
9. Nebraska
10. Clemson

SECONDARY

1. Arizona
2. Florida State
3. Florida
4. Alabama
5. Washington
6. Washington State
7. Oregon
8. UCLA
9. Oklahoma
10. North Carolina State

SPECIAL TEAMS

1. Florida State
2. Tennessee
3. Arizona
4. Auburn
5. Florida
6. Clemson
7. UCLA
8. Stanford
9. Notre Dame
10. Alabama

9. Alabama; 10. (tie) Texas A&M and UCLA.

TOP FIVE HEISMAN CANDIDATES:

1. Tyrone Wheatley, RB, Michigan;
2. Lee Becton, RB, Notre Dame;
3. Bobby Engram, WR, Penn State;
4. J.J. Stokes, WR, UCLA;
5. Stephen Davis, RB, Auburn.

TOP FIVE PRO PROSPECTS:

1. Tyrone Wheatley, RB, Michigan;
2. Rob Johnson, QB, Southern California;
3. J.J. Stokes, WR, UCLA;
4. John Walsh, QB, Brigham Young;
5. Leeland McElroy, RB, Texas A&M.

AWARD PREDICTIONS:

Butkus-Jerrott Willard, ILB, California;
Lombardi-Derrick Brooks, OLB, Florida State; *Outland*-Shane Hannah, OT, Michigan State; *Thorpe*-Clifton Abraham, CB, Florida State; *Davey O'Brien*-Rob Johnson, Southern California; *Doak Walker*-Tyrone Wheatley, Michigan.

MOST UNDERRATED PLAYERS:

1. Bobby Hoying, QB, Ohio State;
2. James Stewart, RB, Miami;
3. Eddie George, RB, Ohio State;
4. David Dunn, WR, Fresno State;
5. Jim Hoffman, DT, Arizona;
6. David Mayfield, S, West Virginia.

ON THE VERGE OF STARDOM:

Byron Capers, CB, Florida State; Jevon Langford, DE, Oklahoma State; Derrick Mayes, WR, Notre Dame; Lawrence Phillips, RB, Nebraska; Jake Plummer, QB, Arizona State; Corey Stringer, OT, Ohio State; Renaldo Wynn, OLB, Notre Dame.

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PROGRAMS ON THE UPSWING:

Arizona State; LSU; Maryland; Michigan State; Oklahoma State.

COACHES IN THE HOTSEAT:

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3. Big Ten; 4. Big East; 5. Big Eight;
6. Atlantic Coast; 7. Southwest;
8. Western Athletic.



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Brian Anderson	C	Mississippi State
Todd Doxzon	QB	Iowa State
Chris Finch	OT	San Diego State
Norberto Garrido	OT	Southern California
Jay Graham	RB	Tennessee
Tim Gutierrez	QB	San Diego State
Johnny Harrison	LB	Air Force
Richard Hogans	DE	Memphis
Chris Jones	WR	Mississippi State
Mark Libiano	LB	East Carolina
Lawyer Milloy	S	Washington
Monte Means	WR	South Carolina
Richie Marsh	WR	Air Force
Dino Philyaw	RB	Oregon
Ozell Powell	DL	Alabama
Kane Rogers	LB	Oregon State
Garrett Smith	C	Navy
George Tupuola	DT	Hawaii
Kendall Watkins	TE	Mississippi State
Paul Wiggins	OT	Oregon

ALL-UNDERRATED

These players have All-American potential, however lack publicity.

Kerry Collins	QB	Penn State
Eddie George	RB	Ohio State
J.J. Young	RB	Oregon State
Brian Oliver	WR	Ball State
Derrick Steagall	WR	Georgia Tech
Kevin Hickman	TE	Navy
Chris Cooley	OT	Rice
Ryan Leahy	OT	Notre Dame
Dave Hack	OG	Maryland
Shannon Roubique	C	Auburn
Luke Fickell	DL	Ohio State
Ed Hawthorne	DL	Minnesota
Steve Hodge	DL	Colorado State
Michael Tobias	DL	Southern Miss
Abdul Jackson	LB	Mississippi
Craig Newsome	CB	Arizona State
Ratcliff Thomas	LB	Maryland
Al Thurman	LB	Indiana
Andre Humphrey	CB	Clemson
Darrius Johnson	CB	Oklahoma
Antonio Banks	S	Virginia Tech
Chris Carter	S	Texas

ALL-UNDERAPPRECIATED

Patrick Sapp	QB	Clemson
Ryan Christopherson	RB	Wyoming
Chris Darkins	RB	Minnesota
J.J. Smith	RB	Kansas State
Malcolm Thomas	RB	Syracuse
Tyrone Edwards	FB	California
Richard Thomas	FB	Washington
Damon Dixon	WR	Navy
Stepfret Williams	WR	Northeast Louisiana
Shane Graham	TE	Northwestern
Willie Guy	WR	Iowa
Jimmy Hakes	TE	Texas
David Millwee	C	Tulsa

Lance Scott	C	Utah
Maurice Belser	OG	Alabama
Brendan Stai	OG	Nebraska
Terry Tilghman	OG	East Carolina
John Clark	OT	Temple
Steve Martin	DT	Missouri
Reggie Brown	LB	Texas A&M
Scott Gaylon	LB	Tennessee
Mark Rexford	LB	Utah
Zach Thomas	LB	Texas Tech
Pat Work	LB	Army
Russell Hairston	CB	Washington
Robert Garnett	S	Cincinnati

TOMMORROW'S STARS

Ink Aleaga	LB	Washington
John Allred	TE	Southern Cal
Deollo Anderson	S	Michigan
Buddy Billingsley	DE	New Mexico
Tony Blevins	CB	Kansas
Rae Carruth	WR	Colorado
Greg Comella	FB	Stanford
Bill Conaty	C	Virginia Tech
Dwayne Curry	LB	Mississippi State
Richard Dice	WR	Arizona
Mike Doughty	OT	Notre Dame
Terry Glenn	WR	Ohio State
Van Hiles	CB	Kentucky
Johnny Johnson	QB	Illinois
Tim Kohn	OT	Iowa State
Felix Lindsey	RB	Missouri
Toderick Malone	WR	Alabama
George McCullough	CB	Baylor
Adam Meadows	OT	Georgia
James Milliner	FB	UCLA
Lawyer Milloy	S	Washington
Kalief Muhammad	RB	Baylor
Jason Ross	S	Hawaii
Twan Russell	LB	Miami
Steve Scifres	OT	Wyoming
Freddie Scott	WR	Penn State
Ron Suddith	OT	East Carolina
Leland Taylor	DT	Tennessee
Rahsaan Vanterpool	WR	West Virginia
Bryant Westbrook	CB	Texas
Solomon White	RB	Tulsa

COMING BACK

These players must overcome serious injuries to compete in '94.

Mike Ciasca	OT	Arizona
Dan Conley	LB	Syracuse
James Holcombe	OT	Mississippi
Hank Campbell	LB	South Carolina
Marcus Crandell	QB	East Carolina
Steve Hoffmann	NT	Washington
Chris Mazyck	NT	Penn State
Rusty Medearis	DE	Miami
Nate Miller	DT	LSU
Roman Oben	OT	Louisville
Alex Rodriguez	FB	Ohio State
Fred Smith	CB	Auburn
Kevin Walter	LB	Texas



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3. Tommie Frazier & Brook Berringer, Nebraska
4. Rob Johnson & Kyle Wachholtz, Southern Cal
5. Dave Barr & Pat Barnes, California
6. Frank Costa & Ryan Collins, Miami
7. Scott Milanovich & Kevin Foley, Maryland
8. John Walsh & Steve Clements, Brigham Young
9. Steve Stenstrom & Scott Frost, Stanford
10. Maurice DeShazo & Jim Drunkenmiller, Virginia Tech

RUNNING BACKS

1. Leeland McElroy & Rodney Thomas, Texas A&M
2. Leon Johnson & Curtis Johnson, North Carolina
3. Terrell Willis & Bruce Presley, Rutgers
4. Marc Edwards & Ray Zellars, Notre Dame
5. Brent Moss & Terrell Fletcher, Wisconsin
6. Ki-Jana Carter & Mike Archie, Penn State
7. Tyrone Wheatley & Ed Davis, Michigan
8. James Allen & Jerald Moore, Oklahoma
9. Michael Davis & Kevin Bouie, Mississippi State
10. Warrick Dunn & Tiger McMillon, Florida State

FULLBACKS

1. James Stewart & Larry Jones, Miami
2. Ray Zellars & Marc Edwards, Notre Dame
3. Zack Crockett & Pooh Bear Williams, Florida State
4. Marc Edwards & Ray Zellars, Notre Dame
5. William Henderson & Malcolm Marshall, North Carolina
6. Terry Collier & Dwayne Chandler, Oklahoma
7. Detron Smith & Clif Croce, Texas A&M
8. Tarrant Lynch & Taurus Turner, Alabama
9. Che Foster & Jon Ritchie, Michigan
10. Ryan Christopherson & Steve Hendrix, Wyoming

WIDE RECEIVERS

1. J.J. Stokes & Kevin Jordan, UCLA
2. Mike Adams & Lovell Pinkney, Texas
3. Mercury Hayes & Amani Toomer, Michigan
4. David Nunn & Charlie Jones, Fresno State
5. Lee DeRamus & J.C. Dawkins, Wisconsin
6. Clarence Cannon & Greg Grice, Boston College
7. Joey Galloway & Chris Saunders, Ohio State
8. Michael Westbrook & Rae Carruth, Colorado
9. Chris Doering & Jack Jackson, Florida
10. Larry Holmes & Tyrone Davis, Virginia

TIGHT ENDS

1. Pete Mitchell & Gordan Laro, Boston College
2. Greg DeLong & Freddie Jones, North Carolina
3. Dietrich Clausell & Syii Tucker, Miami
4. Scott Slutzker & Derek Price, Iowa
5. David Horn & Scott Pfeiffer, Tennessee

OFFENSIVE TACKLES

1. Reggie Green & Jason Odom, Florida
2. Rob Zatechka & Zach Wiegert, Nebraska
3. Jason Layman & Leslie Ratliffe, Tennessee
4. Tony Boselli & Norberto Garrido, Southern Cal
5. Shane Hannah & Brian DeMarco, Michigan State
6. Forrest Conoly & Juan Laureano, Florida State
7. Fred Miller & David Davison, Baylor
8. Harry Stamps, Jr. & J.R. Conrad, Oklahoma
9. Jeff Kysar & DeMario Vaughn, Arizona State

OFFENSIVE GUARDS

1. Joe Marinaro & Jon Runyan, Michigan
2. Lewis Tyre & Patrick McNeil, Florida State
3. Chris Malone & Damien McMahon, Virginia Tech
4. Hessley Hempstead & John Jones, Kansas
5. Warner Smith & Pulu Pomele, Arizona

DEFENSIVE ENDS

1. Derrick Alexander & Chris Cowart, Florida State
2. Tedy Bruschi & Akil Jackson, Arizona
3. Kevin Carter & Mark Campbell, Florida
4. Dameian Jeffries & Elverett Brown, Alabama
5. Warren Forney & Lamarick Simpson, Clemson

DEFENSIVE TACKLES

1. Warren Sapp & Patrick Riley, Miami
2. Ellis Johnson & Henry McMillian, Florida
3. Tim Colston & Darrell Harbert, Kansas State
4. Waverly Jackson & J.C. Price, Virginia Tech
5. Aaron Jackson & Yakini Allen, Michigan State

LINEBACKERS

1. (I) Dana Howard & Simeon Rice, Illinois
2. (O) Simeon Rice & Kevin Hardy, Illinois
3. (O) Corwin Francis & Rohan Marley, Miami
4. (I) George DelRicco & Ken Brown, Virginia Tech
5. (I) Kerry Mock & Mike Morton, North Carolina
6. (I) Bart Conley & Aaron Hall, Purdue
7. (O) Sean Harris & Craig Camp, Arizona
8. (I) Jamal Cox & Rodney Wilkerson, Georgia Tech

CORNERBACKS

1. Clifton Abraham & Corey Fuller, Florida State
2. Alex Molden & Herman O'Berry, Oregon
3. Teddy Lawrence & Carl Greenwood, UCLA
4. Barron Miles & Tyrone Williams, Nebraska

SAFETIES

1. Tony Bouie & Brandon Sanders, Arizona
2. Sam Shade & Blair Canale, Alabama
3. C.J. Richardson & Malcolm Pearson, Miami
4. Torrian Gray & Antonio Banks, Virginia Tech
5. Devin Bush & Steve Gilmer, Florida State

RATING THE NATION'S TOP AIDES — The following offers a glance at the nation's finest assistant coaches.

FINEST AIDES/OFFENSE

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|------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Terry Shea | Stanford | Offensive Coordinator/QB |
| 2. Homer Smith | Alabama | Offensive Coordinator/QB |
| 3. Monte Clark | Stanford | Offensive line |
| 4. Darrell Moody | North Carolina | Offensive Coordinator/RB |
| 5. Paul Johnson | Hawaii | Offensive Coordinator/QB/RB |
| 6. Watson Brown | Oklahoma | Offensive Coordinator/QB |

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| 7. Dick Winder | Texas Tech | Offensive Coordinator |
| 8. Jerry Berndt | Missouri | Offensive Coordinator/QB |
| 9. George DeLeone | Syracuse | Offensive Coordinator/OL |
| 10. Pat Watson | Texas | Offensive line |
| 11. Jim Young | Arizona | Offensive tackles/TE |
| 12. Wayne McDuffie | Georgia | Offensive Coordinator |

MOST UNDERRATED OFFENSIVE ASSISTANTS

These coaches are, or are on the verge of, ranking with the best, however receive too few kudos.

1. Mike Summers	Oregon State	OC
2. Greg Nord	Georgia Tech	RB
3. Denny Shuler	California	OC/QB
4. Rich Olson	Miami	OC
5. Ted Cain	NC State	OC/QB
6. Denver Johnson	Mississippi State	OL
7. Ed White	San Diego State	OL
8. Ron Brown	Nebraska	R
9. Bill Callahan	Wisconsin	OL
10. Tom Craft	San Diego State	OC/QB
11. J.B. Grimes	Virginia Tech	OL
12. Del Miller	Kansas State	OC/QB/WR
13. John Eason	South Carolina	R
14. Rocky Alt	Hawaii	R
15. Rocky Felker	Arkansas	QB
16. Cleve Bryant	Texas	R
17. Billy Hite	Virginia Tech	RB
18. Bruce Arians	Mississippi State	OC/QB
19. Joe Pannunzio	Minnesota	TE
20. Billy Saxton	Florida State	RB

FUTURE COACHES/OFFENSIVE AIDES

These will be head coaches in the near future.

1. Dan Dorazio	Maryland	OC/OL
2. Brad Childress	Wisconsin	OC/QB
3. Mark Richt	Florida State	OC/QB
4. Mike Riley	Southern Cal	OC/QB
5. David Cutcliffe	Tennessee	OC/QB
6. Skip Peete	Michigan State	R
7. Jim Hueber	Wisconsin	RB
8. Rick Rasnick	Utah	OC/QB
9. Mike Sanford	Southern Cal	R
10. Sherman Smith	Illinois	RB
11. Fred Hickson	South Carolina	RB
12. Mike Stock	Ohio State	WR

FINEST AIDES/DEFENSE

Here are the best of the best:

1. Bob Davie	Notre Dame	DC
2. Bill Oliver	Alabama	DC/DB
3. Artie Gigantino	California	DC/DL
4. Larry Mac Duff	Arizona	DC/LB
5. Larry Marmie	Tennessee	DC
6. Tom Tuberville	Texas A&M	DC
7. Tom Hayes	Oklahoma	DC/DB
8. Mickey Andrews	Florida State	DC/DB
9. George O'Leary	Georgia Tech	DC/DL
10. Marion Campbell	Georgia	DC
11. Jerry Sandusky	Penn State	DC
12. Don Lindsey	Southern Cal	DC/LB
13. Gary Darnell	Texas	DC
14. Charlie McBride	Nebraska	DC/DL
15. Fred von Appen	Stanford	DC/LB
16. Carl Torbush	North Carolina	DC/DB/LB
17. Jim Carmody	Mississippi	DL
18. Tim Rose	Memphis	DC
19. Leon Burnett	Fresno State	DC/DB
20. Joe Lee Dunn	Mississippi	DC/ILB

MOST UNDERRATED DEFENSIVE ASSISTANTS

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1. Denny Marcin	Illinois	DC/DL
2. Pete Fredenburg	Louisiana State	DT
3. Mike Knoll	Tulsa	DC/LB
4. Danny Smith	Georgia Tech	DB
5. Wally Burnham	South Carolina	DC/LB
6. Fred Pagac	Ohio State	LB
7. Bill Clay	Mississippi State	DC/DB
8. Kevin Steele	Nebraska	LB
9. Joe Kines	Arkansas	DC
10. Bob Field	UCLA	DC/LB
11. Paul Jette	East Carolina	DC/LB
12. Norm Parker	Michigan State	DC/OLB

FUTURE COACHES/DEFENSIVE AIDES

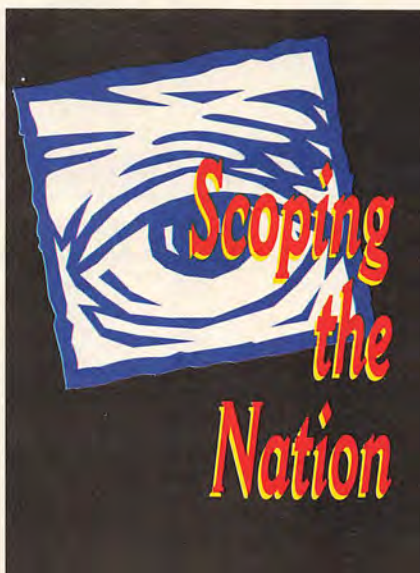
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1. Mike Dubose	Alabama	DL
2. Rick Smith	Kentucky	DB
3. Dan McCarney	Wisconsin	DC/DL
4. Mike Archer	Kentucky	DC
5. Randy Hart	Washington	DL
6. Dave Tipton	Stanford	DL
7. Bruce Johnson	North Carolina	DB
8. Stanley King	UTEP	DB
9. Bob Stoops	Kansas State	Co-DC/DB
10. Willy Robinson	Miami	DB
11. Keith Butler	Memphis	LB
12. Mike Trgovac	Notre Dame	DL

DIFFERENCE-MAKERS

These coaches have caught the attention of their peers for recent rebuilding projects.

Mark Duffner	Maryland
Dennis Franchione	New Mexico
Sonny Lubick	Colorado State
John Mackovic	Texas
Ron McBride	Utah



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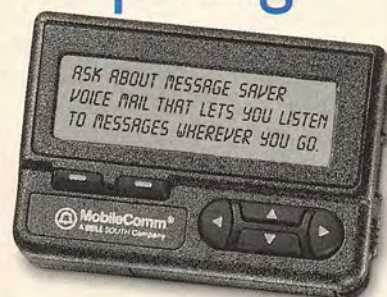
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ATLANTIC COAST ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

QB	Scott Milanovich	Maryland	6-4	220	Junior	DL	Derrick Alexander	Florida State	6-5	273	Junior
RB	Curtis Johnson	North Carolina	5-10	208	Junior	DL	Marcus Jones	North Carolina	6-6	265	Junior
RB	Warrick Dunn	Florida State	5-9	165	Sophomore	DL	Mike Frederick	Virginia	6-5	258	Senior
WR	Eddie Goines	N.C. State	6-0	185	Senior	DL	Carl Reeves	N.C. State	6-4	219	Senior
WR	Kez McCorvey	Florida State	6-0	180	Senior	LB	Damien Covington	N.C. State	6-1	228	Senior
TE	Greg DeLong	North Carolina	6-4	245	Senior	LB	Derrick Brooks	Florida State	6-1	225	Senior
OL	Clay Shiver	Florida State	6-3	260	Junior	LB	Tim Jones	Clemson	6-1	220	Senior
OL	Patrick McNeil	Florida State	6-3	270	Senior	DB	Clifton Abraham	Florida State	5-9	185	Senior
OL	Steve Ingram	Maryland	6-5	300	Senior	DB	Ray Farmer	Duke	6-3	220	Junior
OL	Juan Laureano	Florida State	6-5	280	Junior	DB	Devin Bush	Florida State	6-0	205	Junior
OL	Brian Bravy	Georgia Tech	6-5	315	Senior	DB	Brian Dawkins	Clemson	6-0	185	Junior
PK	Nelson Welch	Clemson	5-8	182	Senior	P	Scott Milanovich	Maryland	6-4	220	Junior

BIG EAST ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

QB	Maurice DeShazo	Virginia Tech	6-1	197	Senior	DL	Cornell Brown	Virginia Tech	6-2	228	Sophomore
RB	Curtis Martin	Pittsburgh	6-0	200	Senior	DL	Keif Bryant	Rutgers	6-4	275	Senior
RB	Terrell Willis	Rutgers	6-0	200	Sophomore	DL	Patrick Riley	Miami	6-6	240	Senior
WR	Clarence Cannon	Boston College	5-11	165	Senior	DL	Warren Sapp	Miami	6-3	300	Junior
WR	Dietrich Jells	Pittsburgh	6-1	190	Junior	LB	Stephen Boyd	Boston College	6-1	234	Senior
TE	Pete Mitchell	Boston College	6-2	228	Senior	LB	Rohan Marley	Miami	5-8	205	Junior
OT	Pete Kendall	Boston College	6-5	270	Junior	LB	Tom Tumluty	Pittsburgh	6-4	240	Junior
OT	Zev Lumelski	Miami	6-7	300	Senior	DB	Antonio Banks	Virginia Tech	5-11	191	Sophomore
C	Lawson Mollica	Pittsburgh	6-4	275	Senior	DB	Tony Jones	Syracuse	6-4	200	Senior
OG	Greg Landry	Boston College	6-4	284	Junior	DB	Michael Reed	Boston College	5-9	175	Senior
OG	Tom Robsock	West Virginia	6-5	268	Senior	DB	C.J. Richardson	Miami	6-1	200	Senior
PK	Todd Sauerbrun	West Virginia	6-2	205	Senior	P	Todd Sauerbrun	West Virginia	6-2	205	Senior

BIG EIGHT ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

QB	Chad May	Kansas State	6-2	215	Senior	DL	Shannon Clavette	Colorado	6-3	270	Senior
RB	James Allen	Oklahoma	6-1	207	Sophomore	DL	Darrell Harbert	Kansas State	6-1	280	Senior
RB	June Henley	Kansas	5-11	190	Sophomore	DL	Kerry Hicks	Colorado	6-6	260	Junior
WR	Kevin Lockett	Kansas	6-0	165	Sophomore	DL	Jevon Langford	Oklahoma State	6-4	225	Sophomore
WR	Michael Westbrook	Colorado	6-4	210	Senior	LB	Dwayne Harris	Nebraska	6-2	220	Senior
TE	Chrisitan Fauria	Colorado	6-4	235	Senior	LB	Ted Johnson	Colorado	6-4	240	Senior
OT	Tony Berti	Colorado	6-6	270	Senior	LB	Ed Stewart	Nebraska	6-1	215	Senior
OT	Zach Wiegert	Nebraska	6-5	300	Senior	DB	Tony Blevins	Kansas	6-1	170	Sophomore
C	Tony Booth	Iowa State	6-3	282	Senior	DB	Larry Bush	Oklahoma	5-10	191	Junior
OG	John Jones	Kansas	6-1	285	Senior	DB	Darius Johnson	Oklahoma	5-9	179	Junior
OG	Brendan Stai	Nebraska	6-4	300	Senior	DB	Baron Miles	Nebraska	5-8	160	Senior
PK	Scott Blanton	Oklahoma	6-2	223	Senior	P	Marc Harris	Iowa State	5-11	182	Sophomore

BIG TEN ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

QB	Chuck Bevell	Wisconsin	6-2	200	Junior	DL	Mikki Johnson	Illinois	6-1	270	Junior
RB	Tyrone Wheatley	Michigan	6-1	226	Senior	DL	Mike Thompson	Wisconsin	6-4	275	Senior
RB	Brent Moss	Wisconsin	5-9	205	Senior	DL	Aaron Jackson	Michigan State	6-4	270	Senior
WR	Joey Galloway	Ohio State	5-10	180	Senior	DE	Simeon Rice	Illinois	6-4	245	Junior
WR	Bobby Engram	Penn State	5-10	182	Senior	DE	Kevin Hardy	Illinois	6-4	235	Junior
TE	Kyle Brady	Penn State	6-6	255	Senior	LB	Dana Howard	Illinois	6-0	235	Senior
C	Cory Raymer	Wisconsin	6-4	290	Senior	LB	Lorenzo Styles	Ohio State	6-2	242	Junior
OL	Korey Stringer	Ohio State	6-6	310	Junior	DB	Ty Law	Michigan	6-0	189	Junior
OL	Joe Rudolph	Wisconsin	6-2	285	Senior	DB	Jeff Messenger	Wisconsin	5-10	190	Senior
OL	Jeff Hartings	Penn State	6-3	245	Senior	DB	Marlon Kerner	Ohio State	5-11	188	Senior
OL	Shane Hannah	Michigan State	6-5	320	Senior	DB	Marlon Forbes	Penn State	6-1	200	Senior
PK	Bill Manolopolous	Indiana	5-10	155	Sophomore	P	Jim DiGuilio	Indiana	6-0	180	Senior

Conference Picks

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

1. **Florida State** — The defense will make up for the loss of Ward.
2. **North Carolina** — Johnson & Johnson are the ACC's best tandem.
3. **Clemson** — Defense will carry Tigers under new coach.
4. **Virginia** — Seven straight years of winning at least seven.
5. **Georgia Tech** — Time for the Jackets to make a move.
6. **N.C. State** — Defense must be shored up immediately.
7. **Maryland** — Terps have a chance to outscore people.
8. **Duke** — Can Goldsmith turn program around?
9. **Wake Forest** — Life gets no easier for Caldwell.

BIG EAST CONFERENCE

1. **Miami** — Don't rule out another national championship.
2. **Boston College** — The Eagles have an awesome starting 22. However, they lack depth.
3. **Virginia Tech** — Coach Frank Beamer has the program on the verge of becoming a power.
4. **Syracuse** — If the Orangemen fail in '94, will Dick MacPherson return in '95?
5. **West Virginia** — The Mountaineers defense will be fabulous, however the "O" is ?.
6. **Rutgers** — Coach Doug Graber is in a must-win situation.
7. **Pittsburgh** — Coach Johnny Majors has the program on the rise. It will take time.
8. **Temple** — Ouch.

BIG EIGHT CONFERENCE

1. **Nebraska** — The Cornhuskers have respect ... want the national championship.
2. **Colorado** — The Buffaloes have the talent, however contest an awesome schedule.
3. **Oklahoma** — The Sooners rushing attack will rank with the best. The defense?
4. **Kansas** — Coach Glen Mason continues the program's upward movement.
5. **Kansas State** — A solid cast of leaders and favorable schedule will assist Wildcats.
6. **Missouri** — The Tigers have new leadership and attitude. Mizzou could surprise.
7. **Oklahoma State** — Coach Pat Jones continues his miracle in Stillwater. How does he win?
8. **Iowa State** — Bye Jim Walden.

BIG TEN CONFERENCE

1. **Michigan** — Injuries shouldn't keep the Wolverines from the top — two years in a row.
2. **Penn State** — A contender again, but Paterno must wait at least another year for a title.
3. **Illinois** — Illini finished strong in '93 and they're all returning in '94.
4. **Ohio State** — There may be too many holes to fill for the Buckeyes to contend.
5. **Wisconsin** — If the Badgers can deal with success, they could be just as strong.
6. **Michigan State** — Even without the Stunt 4-3, the Spartans are a serious threat.
7. **Iowa** — It's hard to imagine Fry's team suffering through a third straight down year.
8. **Purdue** — Boilermakers have too many good young players to go winless in the league again.
9. **Indiana** — If Hoosiers have defensive replacements, they may be better than expected.
10. **Minnesota** — Once again, the Gophers will have to outscore opponents to win.
11. **Northwestern** — Wildcats are improved but it may not show up in the standings.

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PAC-10 ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

QB	Dave Barr	California	6-4	205	Senior	DL	Tedy Bruschi	Arizona	6-1	255	Junior
RB	Napoleon Kaufman	Washington	5-9	175	Senior	DL	Chad Eaton	Wash. St.	6-5	272	Senior
RB	J.J. Young	Oregon St.	5-10	192	Senior	DL	Jim Hoffman	Arizona	6-4	275	Senior
WR	J.J. Stokes	UCLA	6-4	214	Senior	DL	DeWayne Patterson	Wash. St.	6-1	248	Senior
WR	Cristen McInemore	Oregon	5-11	177	Junior	LB	Ink Aleaga	Washington	6-2	220	Junior
TE	Mark Bruener	Washington	6-5	240	Senior	LB	Sean Harris	Arizona	6-3	235	Senior
OL	Tony Boselli	USC	6-8	305	Senior	LB	Jerrott Willard	California	6-2	230	Senior
OL	Jeff Buckley	Stanford	6-5	280	Junior	DB	Tony Bouie	Arizona	5-10	183	Senior
OL	Johnny Feinga	Oregon St.	6-1	315	Senior	DB	William Ephraim	Oregon St.	5-10	162	Senior
OL	Jonathan Ogden	UCLA	6-8	315	Junior	DB	Craig Newsome	Arizona St.	6-0	175	Senior
OL	Warner Smith	Arizona	6-3	290	Senior	DB	Brandon Sanders	Arizona	5-10	183	Senior
PK	Bjorn Merten	UCLA	6-0	203	Sophomore	P	Aaron Mills	Stanford	6-0	175	Senior

SOUTHEASTERN ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

QB	Eric Zeier	Georgia	6-2	205	Senior	DE	Kevin Carter	Florida	6-6	265	Senior
RB	Brandon Bennett	South Carolina	6-0	205	Senior	DE	Marcus Adair	Arkansas	6-3	221	Junior
RB	Sherman Williams	Alabama	5-10	193	Senior	DT	Mike Pelton	Auburn	6-3	262	Senior
WR	Jack Jackson	Florida	5-9	171	Junior	DT	Ellis Johnson	Florida	6-3	283	Senior
WR	Brice Hunter	Georgia	6-0	197	Junior	LB	Abdul Jackson	Ole Miss	6-1	240	Senior
TE	Tony Johnson	Alabama	6-5	248	Junior	LB	Randall Godfrey	Georgia	6-3	226	Junior
OT	Reggie Green	Florida	6-6	298	Junior	LB	Dexter Daniels	Florida	6-2	235	Junior
OT	Jason Odom	Florida	6-5	297	Junior	DB	Alundis Brice	Ole Miss	5-11	180	Senior
OG	Jeff Smith	Tennessee	6-3	310	Junior	DB	Tommy Johnson	Alabama	5-10	180	Senior
OG	Jeff Mitchell	Florida	6-5	278	Sophomore	DB	Brian Robinson	Auburn	6-3	194	Junior
C	Bubba Miller	Tennessee	6-1	285	Junior	DB	Sam Shade	Alabama	6-1	190	Senior
PK	John Becksvoort	Tennessee	6-1	177	Senior	P	Terry Daniel	Auburn	6-1	226	Senior



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SOUTHWEST ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

QB	Corey Pullig	Texas A&M	6-3	198	Junior	L	Royal West	TCU	6-3	280	Senior
RB	Leeland McElroy	Texas A&M	5-11	196	Sophomore	L	Tony Brackens	Texas	6-4	227	Sophomore
RB	Rodney Thomas	Texas A&M	5-11	208	Junior	L	Scotty Lewis	Baylor	6-3	253	Senior
WR	Lovell Pinkney	Texas	6-5	234	Junior	L	Steve Strahan	Baylor	6-1	294	Senior
WR	Mike Adams	Texas	6-1	180	Sophomore	LB	Zach Thomas	Texas Tech	6-0	223	Junior
TE	Brian Collins	TCU	6-5	220	Junior	LB	Antonio Armstrong	Texas A&M	6-4	225	Senior
OT	Blake Brockermeyer	Texas	6-5	286	Junior	LB	Reggie Anderson	TCU	6-2	225	Senior
OT	Jimmy Herndon	Houston	6-8	280	Senior	DB	Ray Mickens	Texas A&M	5-8	176	Sophomore
C	Scott Fitzgerald	Texas Tech	6-2	262	Senior	DB	Joey Ellis	Texas	5-10	181	Senior
OG	Jay Boulware	Texas	6-3	270	Junior	DB	Bryant Westbrook	Texas	6-0	203	Sophomore
OG	Will Davidson	Baylor	6-4	274	Junior	DB	Marcus Coleman	Texas Tech	6-2	202	Junior
PK	Jon Davis	Texas Tech	5-11	198	Senior	P	Duane Vacek	Texas	6-3	253	Junior

Conference Picks

PAC-10 CONFERENCE

1. **Arizona** — Wildcats inhale Roses for the first time.
2. **Southern Cal** — Infusion of JC speed helps Trojans contend.
3. **UCLA** — Off-season player and staff departures hurt momentum.
4. **California** — Enter season on a roll that will keep going.
5. **Washington** — Forced to slug through second year of probation.
6. **Stanford** — Struggling for want of an average defense.
7. **Arizona State** — Would do well to go 6-5 for fourth time in a row.
8. **Washington State** — Fast defense could lead to better things.
9. **Oregon** — Which way will Ducks go when games get close?
10. **Oregon State** — Poised to move up, but must take next step.

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

EASTERN DIVISON

1. **Florida** — Explosive offense and improved defense carry Gators.
2. **Tennessee** — Vols get Gators at home, but defense isn't title ready.
3. **South Carolina** — Gamecocks will improve under new coach Brad Scott.
4. **Georgia** — Air Zeier will provide thrills, but not enough wins.
5. **Kentucky** — Quarterback question mark dots the Stack-I.
6. **Vanderbilt** — Gerry DiNardo will have to fend off unhappy fans.

WESTERN DIVISON

1. **Alabama** — Tide will three-peat because of defense and Jay Barker.
2. **Auburn** — Untested quarterback and tough road schedule prove too much.
3. **Arkansas** — If running game improves, Hogs will make noise.
4. **Mississippi State** — A quarterback away from challenging.
5. **LSU** — If Tigers go bowl-less, Curley Hallman might go job-less.
6. **Ole Miss** — Rebels lost too much on defense and can't run the ball.

SEC TOP-TO-BOTTOM

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Florida | 7. Arkansas |
| 2. Alabama | 8. Mississippi State |
| 3. Tennessee | 9. LSU |
| 4. Auburn | 10. Ole Miss |
| 5. South Carolina | 11. Kentucky |
| 6. Georgia | 12. Vanderbilt |

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

1. **Texas** — Coach John Mackovic becomes the state's favorite child.
2. **Texas A&M** — The Aggies are still loaded. Don't underestimate.
3. **Baylor** — The Bears return a veteran cast. Both lines will rank with the best.
4. **Texas Tech** — Red Raiders lost a bevy of talent, however retain coach Spike Dykes.
5. **Texas Christian** — Coach Pat Sullivan has the Horned Frogs headed in the right direction.
6. **Rice** — If Josh LaRocca succeeds, the Owls will move up the ladder.
7. **Southern Methodist** — Coach Mick Rossley is underrated talent, however he lacks the guns.
8. **Houston** — Is the end near?

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WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

- 1. Brigham Young** — BYU fields its finest edition in a decade. Keep an eye on.
- 2. Utah** — Quarterback Mike McCoy leads Utes to third straight bowl.
- 3. Wyoming** — Can the Cowboys transform potential into production?
- 4. Fresno State** — Coach Jim Sweeney assures Bulldogs are legitimate contenders.
- 5. Colorado State** — The Rams have sufficient personnel to be competitive in WAC.
- 6. San Diego State** — The Aztecs have been major under-achievers ... have times changed?
- 7. Air Force** — Coach Fisher DeBerry hopes to rejuvenate program in '94.
- 8. Hawaii** — The Rainbow Warriors must improve in the trenches to be a factor.
- 9. New Mexico** — Lobos score, but not enough to compensate for swiss-cheese defense.
- 10. UTEP** — The Miners have been, and continue to rate, among the nation's worst.

WESTERN ATHLETIC ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

FIRST TEAM/OFFENSE

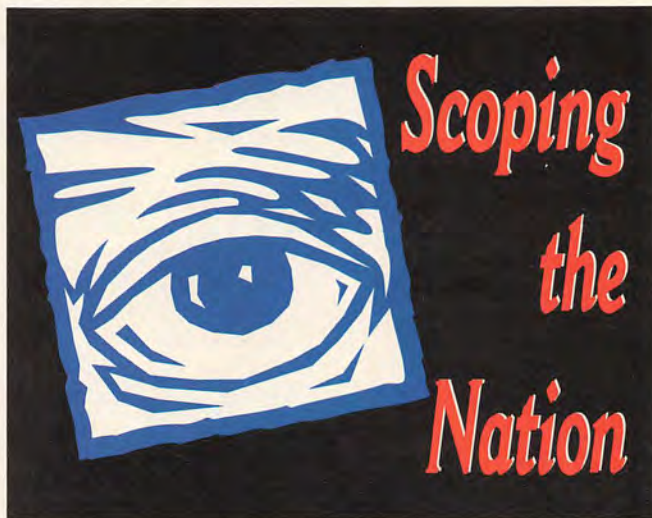
QB	John Walsh	BYU	6-4	210	Junior
RB	Ryan Christopherson	Wyoming	6-0	233	Senior
RB	E.J. Watson	Colorado State	5-11	205	Junior
FL	Charlie Jones	Fresno State	5-10	170	Junior
WR	Bryce Doman	BYU	6-1	190	Senior
TE	Henry Lusk	Utah	6-2	220	Senior
OL	Jason James	Fresno State	6-5	305	Senior
OL	Lance Scott	Utah	6-3	268	Senior
OL	Anthony Brown	Utah	6-5	313	Senior
OL	Scott Scifres	Wyoming	6-5	258	Sophomore
OL	Chris Finch	San Diego State	6-6	290	Junior

FIRST TEAM/DEFENSE

DL	Luther Elliss	Utah	6-5	257	Senior
DL	Steve Hodge	Colorado State	6-2	260	Senior
DL	Brent Schieffer	Wyoming	6-3	255	Senior
DL	Buddy Billingsley	New Mexico	6-3	240	Soph
LB	Mark Rexford	Utah	6-2	235	Senior
LB	Ron Papazian	Fresno State	6-1	220	Senior
LB	Johnny Harrison	Air Force	6-1	215	Senior
DB	Greg Myers	Colorado State	6-2	184	Junior
DB	Brian Watkins	Air Force	5-7	185	Senior
DB	Raymond Jackson	Colorado State	6-0	180	Junior
DB	Scott Lynch	Colorado State	6-1	198	Junior

DIVISION I-A INDEPENDENTS

- 1. Notre Dame** — The Fighting Irish will, again, contend for national crown.
- 2. Louisville** — The Cardinals suffered key losses, however will be a factor.
- 3. Southern Mississippi** — USM rates as a national dark horse. Great team athleticism.
- 4. Memphis** — Despite key departures, will be a force to be reckoned with.
- 5. Tulsa** — Sufficient skill-position talent, yet lacks quality trenchmen.
- 6. East Carolina** — Fullback Junior Smith is the nation's most underrated player.
- 7. Navy** — Coach Chaump and quarterback Jim Kubiak assure respectability.
- 8. Northeast Louisiana** — The Indians, first-year I-A members, lack depth and speed.
- 9. Cincinnati** — The Bearcats, individually and collectively, offer full effort.
- 10. Tulane** — The Green Wave simply lack the horses to compete with elite.
- 11. Army** — The Cadets lack muscle, depth, speed, and talent ... enough said?



FORECASTING
THE
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BOWL

BIG WEST CONFERENCE

- 1. New Mexico State**
- 2. Utah State**
- 3. San Jose State**
- 4. Nevada/Las Vegas**
- 5. Nevada**
- 6. Louisiana Tech**
- 7. Southwestern Louisiana**
- 8. Northern Illinois**
- 9. Pacific**

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

- 1. Central Michigan**
- 2. Bowling Green State**
- 3. Western Michigan**
- 4. Ball State**
- 5. Toledo**
- 6. Miami of Ohio**
- 7. Akron**
- 8. Eastern Michigan**
- 9. Kent**
- 10. Ohio University**

1994 BOWL SCHEDULE

Builders Square Alamo Bowl

San Antonio, Tex. December 31 8:00 P.M. ESPN

Carquest Bowl

Miami January 2 1:30 p.m. CBS

CompUSA Florida Citrus Bowl

Orlando, Fla. January 2 1:00 p.m. ABC

Federal Express Orange Bowl

Miami, Fla. January 2 8:00 p.m. NBC

Freedom Bowl

Anaheim, Calif. December 29 9:00 p.m. Raycom

Hall of Fame Bowl

Tampa January 2 11:00 a.m. ESPN

IBM OS/2 Fiesta Bowl

Tempe, Ariz. January 2 4:30 p.m. NBC

Jeep Eagle Aloha Bowl

Honolulu December 25 3:30 p.m. ABC

John Hancock Bowl

El Paso, Tex. December 30 2:30 p.m. CBS

Las Vegas Bowl

Las Vegas December 17 8:00 p.m. ESPN

Mobil Cotton Bowl

Dallas January 2 1:00 p.m. NBC

Outback Steakhouse Gator Bowl

Gainesville, Fla. January 1 7:30 p.m. TBS

Peach Bowl

Atlanta January 1 8:00 p.m. ESPN

Poulan/Weed Eater Independence Bowl

Shreveport, La. December 27 8:00 p.m. ESPN

Rose Bowl

Pasadena, Calif. January 2 5:00 p.m. ABC

St. Jude Liberty Bowl

Memphis, Tenn. TBA TBA TBA

Thirfty Car Rental Holiday Bowl

San Diego December 30 8:00 p.m. ESPN

USF&G Sugar Bowl

New Orleans January 2 8:30 p.m. ABC

Weiser Lock Copper Bowl

Tucson, Ariz. December 29 8:00 p.m. ESPN

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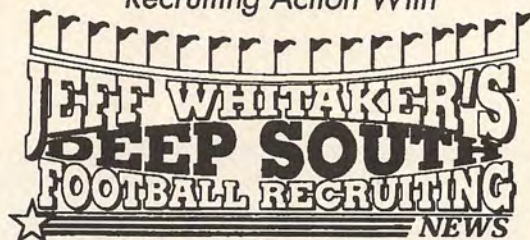
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War in the Trenches

COLLEGE FOOTBALL'S BEST TELL THEIR STORIES

By Jeff Gordon

University of Pittsburgh tackle Reuben Brown would get bored playing slot back or safety. The occasional 40-yard reception or infrequent interception wouldn't be enough to thrill him.

Brown wants to rumble. The 6-4, 310-pound senior thrives on the consecutive battles in the trenches, the repeated tests of manhood.

"I can't imagine playing football without hitting somebody on every down," he said. "The DBs and the QBs, I pick on them a lot. They don't have to hit somebody every play. That's what football is.

"Football is the line."

This is easily forgotten by the fans and media members who watch from a safe distance and marvel at the exploits of so-called "skill players." The long touchdown runs, the big pass plays, the timely interceptions, even the big football-jarring hits are usually set up along the lines.

Lindy's identified a half-dozen of America's top college linemen, sought their views on trench work, and looked at their development.

"You're not looking for the big play, like the running back or receiver," Brown said. "For the lineman, every play is the big play. You don't get the satisfaction like the receiver or running back of scoring the touchdown. But when you pancake somebody, it's like a slam dunk in basketball. If you pancake somebody, you'll have the confidence you can do it again. It's like catching a touchdown pass for 90 yards. That's your high. That's what you're looking for."

Offensive and defensive lines engage in marathon struggles. These heavyweights grapple, holler, grunt, stare, claw, chop, slug, butt heads, throw forearms, grab jerseys, mow down, talk trash, and shed blood.

"It's all about who will be the best in the end," Brown said. "You can see it in a guy's eyes, when he is having a good game and he's trying to take advantage of your weaknesses.

It's like a cold stare. He looks at you like he's going to get your butt. That's what football is all about."

Ohio State's All-American tackle Korey Stringer thrives on those one-on-one confrontations in the pit.

"You look at the guy and think, 'He's not going to beat me. He's not going to make this play,'" he said. "That brings about the intensity we have down there."

In a battle of wills, one often breaks.

"If you consistently beat your guy," Maryland tackle Steve Ingram said, "he's going to get it in his head that he can't get there. You can get psychological games going."

Arizona defensive end Tedy Bruschi recalled how the "Desert Swarm" defense had Miami scrambling in the Fiesta Bowl.

"The first series we had against Miami, we sacked the quarterback two times," he said. "There was chaos out there."

North Carolina defensive tackle Marcus Jones plugs into that electricity.

"You can't beat the feeling of being on the field and playing," he said. "There just isn't anything like it. I like the physical part of it. I like being in on the big hit, just running around being physical."

Just what is the big hit?

"You know how the helmet is screwed together and makes a seam?" Florida State



AS A TRUE FRESHMAN AT OHIO STATE, STRINGER WAS SO DOMINANT THAT BIG TEN COACHES NAMED HIM FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR — A SPECTACULAR HONOR FOR A TACKLE.

PHOTO BY DAVID L. GREENE

defensive lineman Derrick Alexander said. "Well, I want to hit a quarterback and see it split. Just fall apart. That's a perfect hit."

Emotions run high in the trenches, but offensive linemen cannot lose their grip.

"On defense, you should be aggressive, taking out all your frustrations," said Stringer, a 6-6, 310-pound junior. "An offensive lineman, he should control that anger. You can be beat that way. You have to be even-tempered to play the offensive line. You have to stand there and take it. It's something you have to accept."

Ingram, a 6-5, 300-pound senior, has come to terms with that.

"You have to stay focused all the time," he said. "You have to remember your assignment and know your rules. You have to play with emotion, but you have to control it always."

That isn't easy when your opponent is trying to mess with your head. What fun is it to beat a guy if you can't rub it in? Players pound on rival psyches as well as rival bodies.

"I've been known to be one of the more vocal linemen around," Brown said. "That's part of my game. It doesn't seem like a game for me if I don't make a few smart comments. I have to run my mouth. I get into the game more. You're always trying to get into the inner person and hit something deep down inside them."

Ingram said Maryland discourages trash talking, but he hears lots of chatter anyway.

"Different guys, they talk a lot to get you riled up, get at your confidence," he said. "I find myself talking quite a bit. I want to get my guys fired up."

These guys don't just line up and wail on each other. They study and discuss opponents, talking more than just trash. While preparing for each game, they examine films of their opponents to pick up any weaknesses or body language that might telegraph an offensive play or a defensive scheme. These studies can become quite detailed and blocking and tackling becomes more cerebral than you might imagine.

"You're looking for any edge you can get," Ingram said. "How do they set their feet when they are calling for a pass rush? Our coaches put together little films about their tendencies and we watch them."

Some of the best skirmishes come during spring ball and preseason contact drills as team members establish their pecking order. Stringer will never forget how the Ohio State upperclassmen tried to slam him to the welcome mat.

"The older players were out to prove to us that you can't come up here and play soft," he said. "I was never worried about how tough I was. I knew I could take punishment with the best of them. I knew I could dish it out. I never let anybody bully me or anything."

These monstrous linemen have awesome collisions that are fearsome.

"I had to go against this guy from Clemson who was 370 pounds," said Jones, a junior who packs 260 pounds on his 6-6 frame.

"That's a lot of guy to move. It happens to everyone, where there is somebody constantly on you. But I remember this guy falling on me and I'm yelling, 'Ref, get him off me.' He was huge."

With contact on every play, linemen are prone to all sorts of injuries—broken thumbs

and fingers, broken noses, torn knee ligaments, and broken legs to name some of the more common ones.

"That's part of the game," said Bruschi, a 260-pound junior who has suffered a pinched nerve in his neck and a broken thumb. "You have to play with injuries. But you have to know the difference between pain and injury."

Ingram found out last year. "I had to play the whole season with a broken thumb," he said. "I had to play with a cast on the whole year. By the third game of the season, it didn't bother me. You have to play with a lot of pain. The difference between pain and injury is if it's just pain, you have to play with it."

For all this exertion and sacrifice, there is not a whole lot of glamour—especially for the unloved offensive linemen.

"Nobody wants to be an offensive lineman," Stringer said. "When you play offensive line, nobody knows you but the coach, your mom, and your girlfriend. You don't get too much notice from everybody in the stands. You have to feel good about yourself."

"In high school, you saw that nobody wanted to be a tackle, guard, or center. Somebody has to do it. The offensive linemen become a group within a group. You can take care of one another."

REUBEN BROWN HAS A defensive end's attitude, so switching to offensive tackle was difficult. He wanted to be on the attack every down and the prospect of having to back up and pass block was distasteful.

"I came in and played defense first," Brown said. "I was hoping to stay there. When they moved me over, I had to learn a lot of techniques. Footwork, leverage, balance...it's a tough position. On defense, I was able to get away with freelancing a lot."

"I really hated it. Defensively, you don't have that many rules. I was pretty discouraged at first. I didn't think I was going to make it. To be honest with you, I thought about leaving the school."

"Every offensive lineman hates to pass block. I don't know about the guys in the pros or anything like that, but I know a lot of guys around here who don't like to pass block. If we could run block on every play, we would."

"But once I got pass blocking down and started doing well, it's just like run blocking. It's a lot of pride. I take a lot of pride in not letting people get to the quarterback, not letting people beat me."

During his time as a Panther, Brown had to mature. He ran into some off-field problems that got him suspended from the team for a stretch and put on probation.

"All that stuff is over with," he said. "There were some bad choices made. I wasn't smart about watching out for certain situations, but I thought I was being smart."

Brown's development has been spectacular. But the team's development has been slow, leaving him short of his biggest goal as a collegian—to win.

"It takes away from what you've done," he said. "If you have a great game, it takes away from it if you lose. I've got a lot of friends I've played against in college. They have bragging rights over us because we haven't been real good since I've been here. This is my last year. I hope we can make it good."

MARCUS JONES DOES NOT HAVE THE personality profile of your classic sack-masters.

He was a soccer player who grew big and got shamed into playing football. He was a drowsy sort who slept 12 hours a day in high school. When he got to North Carolina, he had no idea how to talk trash in the trenches.

Offensive and defensive lines engage in marathon struggles. These heavyweights grapple, holler, grunt, stare, claw, chop, slug, butt heads, throw forearms, grab jerseys, mow down, talk trash, and shed blood.

He had to train himself not to help quarterbacks up after knocking them down.

"The proper football etiquette is to be mean and rough," Jones said. "I'm trying to change my attitude and be meaner, but I'm not sure it's working. I felt bad about not helping a guy up."

Jones had to learn the nuances of line play almost from scratch.

"Everything I did was from power," he said. "I felt like a little kid at first. Everybody else is working on spins, stuff like that, and I'm just trying to learn a little part of that. I felt kind of stupid at first."

And then there is his hobby: Reading comic books. He sometimes psychs himself for games by reading a big volume of *Calvin and Hobbes*.

"Off the field, I'm the nicest person you'd like to meet," he said.

His background may be atypical, but his tools make him a defensive prototype. He has grown to NFL size and he is quick, fast, and agile. Despite his laid-back personality, he has always been extremely



DERRICK ALEXANDER IS DEFINITELY A NATURAL. THE JUNIOR FLORIDA STATE DEFENSIVE TACKLE STARRED IN BASKETBALL, BASEBALL, WRESTLING, AND, OF COURSE, FOOTBALL AT JACKSONVILLE-RAINES HIGH SCHOOL.

PHOTO BY BOB ROSATO

competitive in drills, practices, scrimmages, and games.

"The one thing I always try to do is go full-speed all the time, that's my biggest asset," he said. "If you don't go full speed, you're going to end up getting hurt. If you go full-speed and you still make a mistake, at least the coaches will notice you went full-speed. I've tried to make that my style."

DERRICK ALEXANDER IS DEFINITELY a natural. The junior Florida State defensive tackle starred in basketball, baseball, wrestling, and, of course, football at Jacksonville-Raines High School.

"I love a challenge," he said. "I need challenges. If I don't have them, I don't have any reason to work hard. I need a challenge every down, every game, every season."

Alexander, a 6-5, 260-pound junior, doesn't rely on pure athleticism to penetrate blocking. "I've developed lots of different moves. I can go inside as well as outside. I use technique to get me around."

One thing that doesn't change is his effort. "I want to be known as somebody who never turns off his motor," Alexander said. "We've got linebackers here who can make the big play every play. My job is to cause confusion. I feel that on every play, I can make the tackle. I'm like the linebacker on the defensive line. I want to make plays all over the field."

The Seminoles defense is not content to merely stop the opponents. "We want to score more points than their offense,"

Alexander said. "That's the way we play defense. Sometimes you see teams out there playing not to lose. I'm out there to win."

TEDY BRUSCHI LEARNED RIGHT away that he could play big-time college football. As a true freshman in 1991, he was thrown into the fray during a difficult 4-7 season.

"That first year, with all the injuries we had, I'd never seen anything like that before," said Bruschi, who came to Tucson from Roseville (Calif.) High School. "One day I'm on the scout team and the next day the second team and then the first team. I think that devastated the program then, 18- and 19-year-olds had to play."

Bruschi started two games, then saw his season end with a broken thumb. "I was an 18-year-old kid wrestling around with 300-pound guys," he said.

He was granted a medical redshirt for the year and continued to develop with the team. The once-green Wildcats are now a defensive menace, the so-called "Desert Swarm."

Bruschi takes great satisfaction from being part of a dominant, well-respected unit. "We have the sweatshirts and everything," he said. "It's a nice little gimmick. But you sure wouldn't have a nickname if you weren't any good."

The team's defensive personality fits his own perfectly. He likes to go for it.

"I have to have fun," Bruschi said. "If it wasn't fun for me, I wouldn't be playing football. No matter what you do, if you're not having fun, you have to get out of it. It's really fun to play on our defense."

"I'm looking for the chance to make the big play, the big play that wins the game, the big play to win the game when the pressure is on."

TEACHING BIG COLLEGE OFFENSIVE lineman to be light on their feet can be a daunting five-year task. But Steve Ingram acquired that agility thanks to his basketball career and the diligent work of his football coaches at DuVal High School in Seat Pleasant, MD.

Ingram captained his prep basketball team as a senior and was a two-time all-conference selection.

"When I played basketball, I had my feet going really good," he said. "When I came to Maryland, I weighed 230 pounds. I go 300 pounds now. I don't play basketball anymore. I'm afraid to play basketball, I might get hurt."

He might get hurt? What about the guy guarding him?

As a redshirt his first season at Maryland, Ingram played defensive tackle. He was moved to the offensive line the next season and filled in at four of the five positions. He opened the 1991 season as a starter, but broke his right leg in his first game.

He emerged as a force in 1992 and starred as a junior in 1993. He is developing NFL-level versatility by playing in a fast-paced, pass-oriented offensive scheme. And he has learned that the top offensive linemen are good and steady.

"All the adrenaline builds up, then you lose it on the first play," he said. "Then you relax and go ahead and play. You focus on what you have to do."

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EASY FOR KOREY Stringer to get by on his size during his formative years. After all, he has always been pretty big.

But at Harding High School in Warren, Ohio, Stringer couldn't get away with leaning on people. His team went 22-2 his last two years, won a state title, and he learned the game from coach Phil Annarella. He emerged as the top offensive line prospect in the nation his senior year.

"I think I was at an advantage," Stringer said. "I came out of a good high school program. They made sure your techniques were there. A lot of guys come from programs where they get you big and strong, but they don't teach you how to block people. I did the things our coaches taught us. Sometimes I played against guys who were a lot smaller than me and it was not a good level of competition."

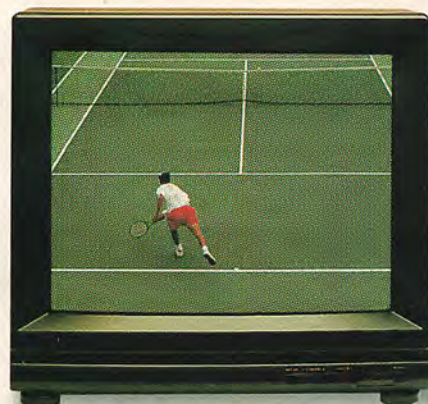
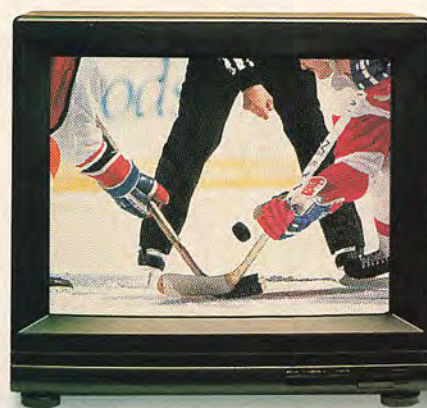
As a true freshman at Ohio State, he started six straight games and played extensively in 11, missing just one game with a sprained ankle. He was so dominant that Big Ten coaches named him Freshman of the Year—a spectacular honor for a tackle.

"I was really ready to get redshirted, I had accepted that," Stringer said. "I figured I'd get stronger and work on my game. But people got hurt and I had to accept the fact that I would play. I had never heard of anybody doing that. I really didn't expect that. Things happened so quickly, they fell right into place."

Big Ten coaches are no doubt hoping he turns pro after his third season, an option he will have. In the meantime he intends to take care of team business.

"You have to think primarily of the team when you set your goals," Stringer said. "Nothing happens without the offensive line. A quarterback, his arm means nothing if he doesn't have time to throw the ball."

"The defensive lineman thinks he is going to make the play, he is going to stop this play. That leads to war in the trenches." □



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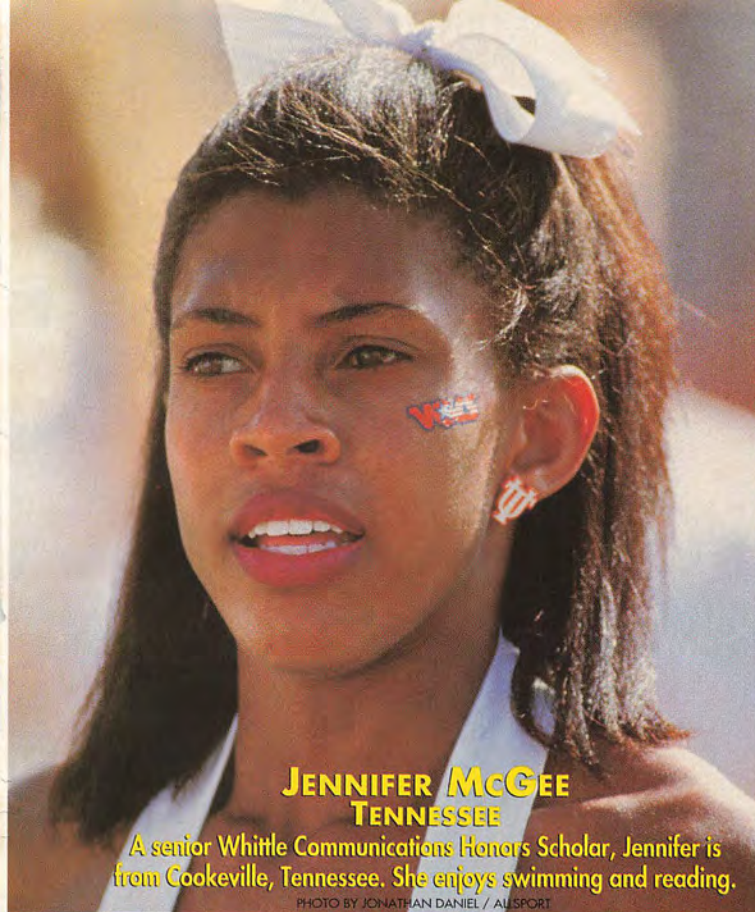
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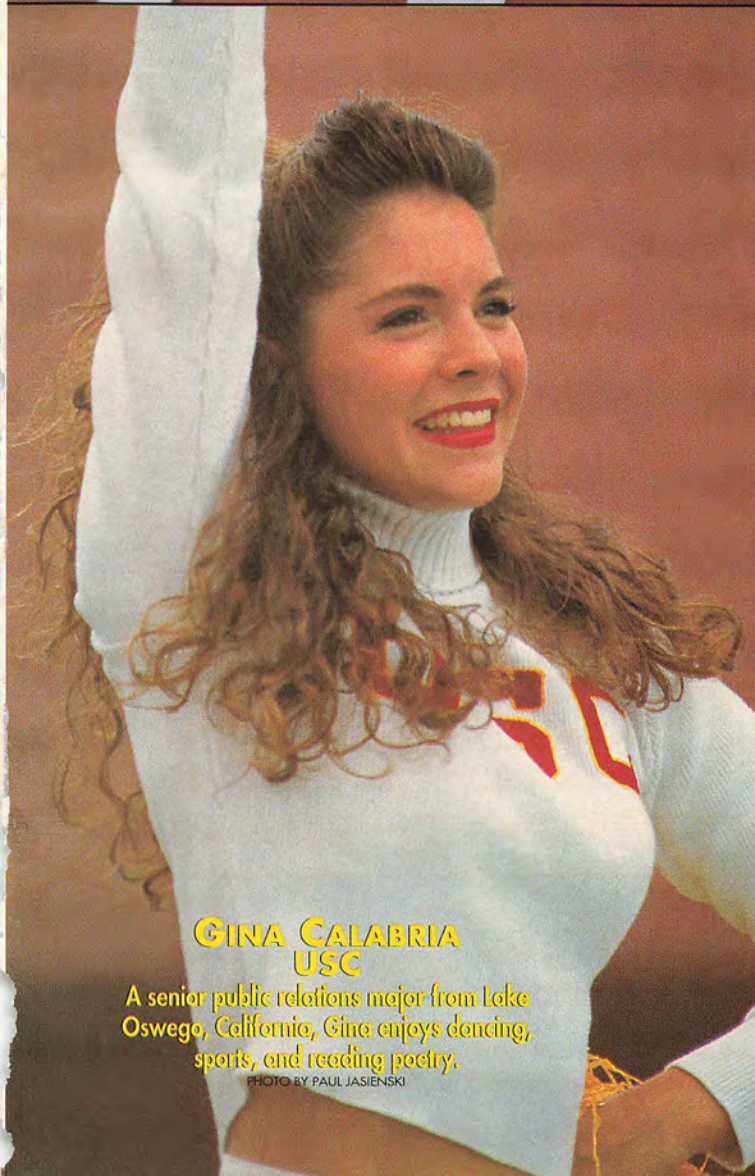
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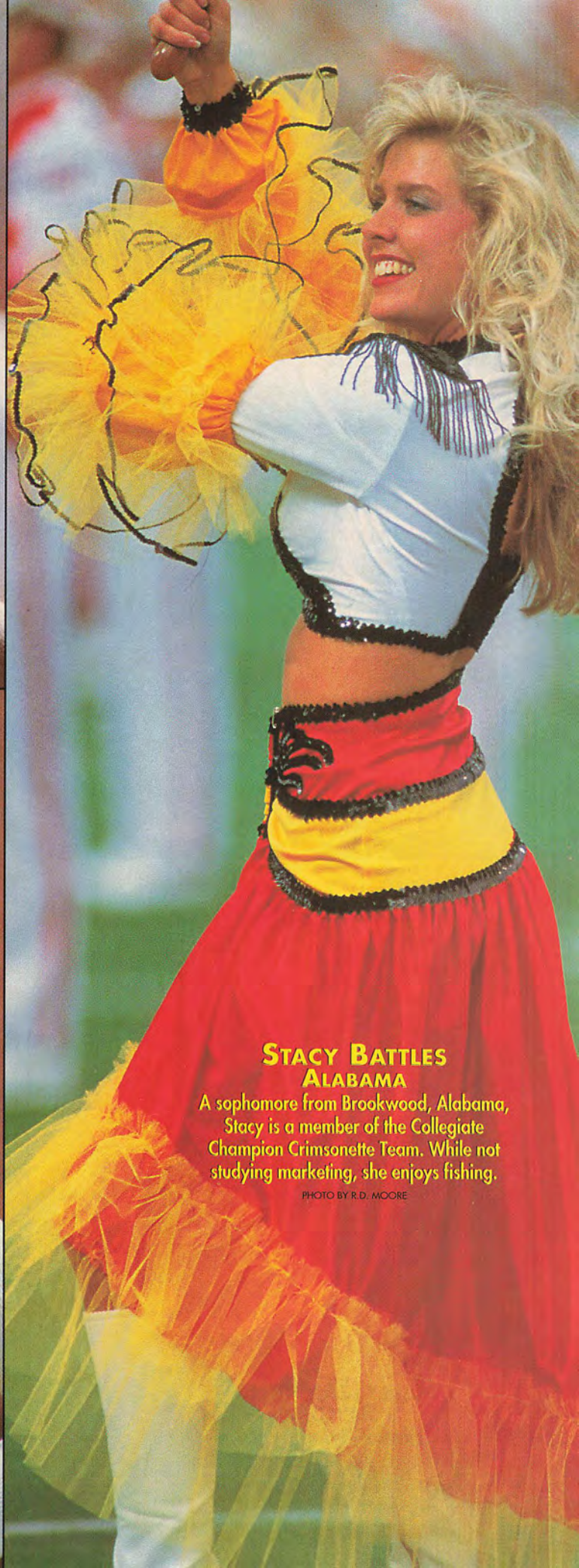
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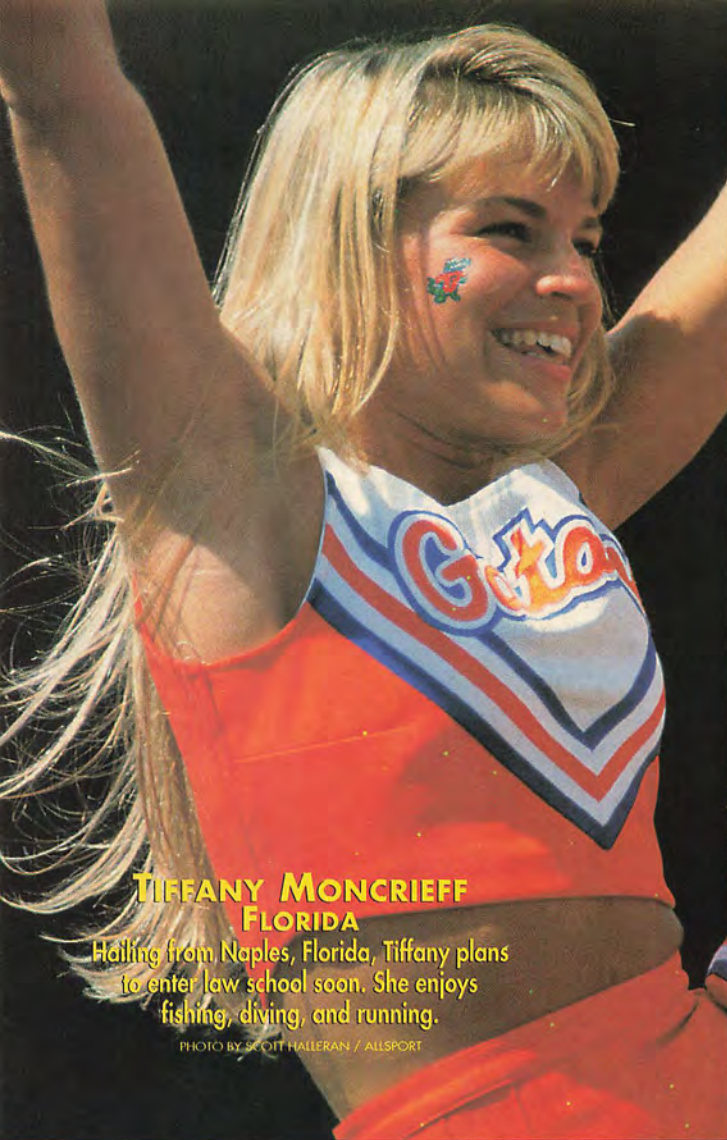
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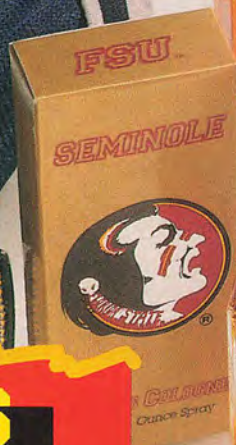
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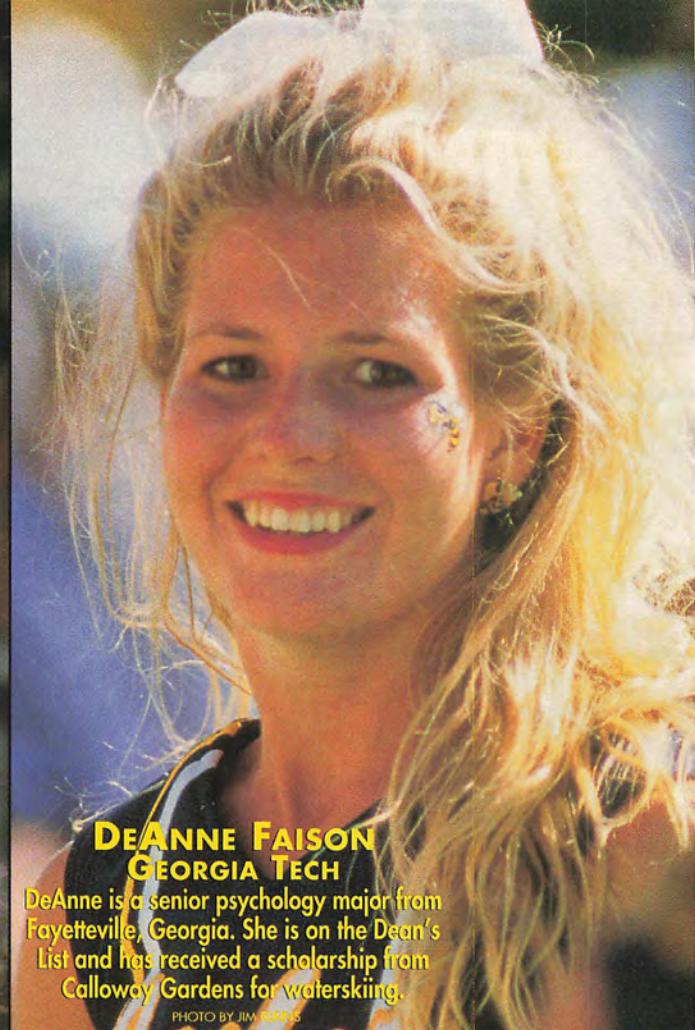




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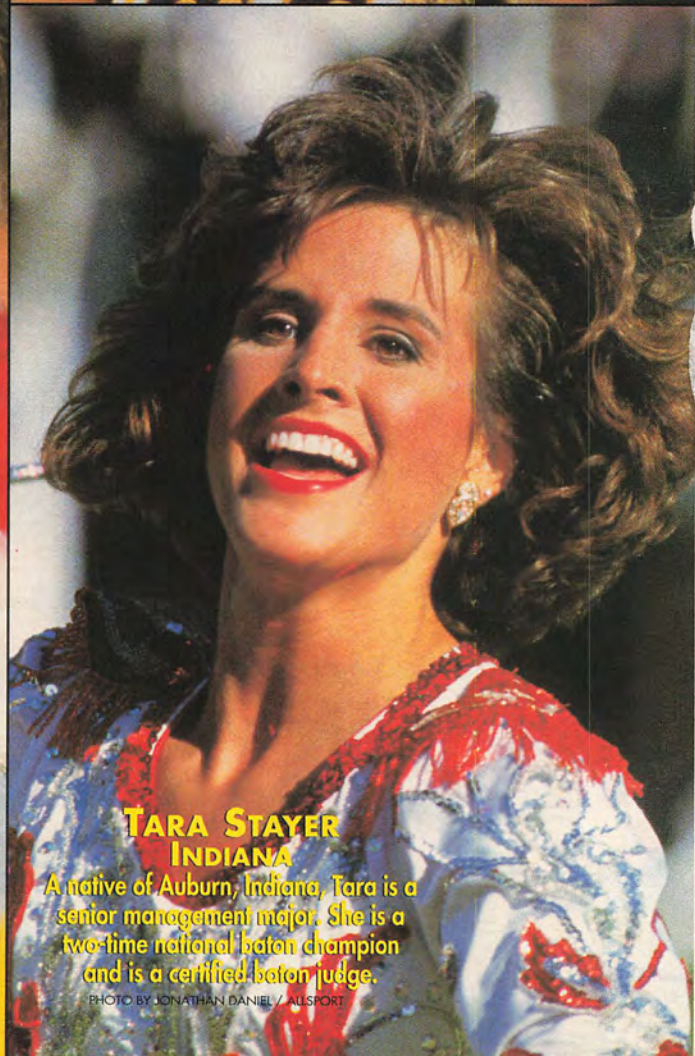
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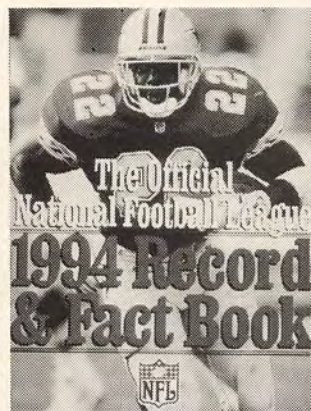
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STOKES RETURNS TO HELP COOK-UP UCLA OFFENSE

**NFL Can't Wait for
Bruins' Do-Everything
Wide Receiver**

By Mike Davis

J. Stokes and Wayne Cook have their own little Psychic Friends Network going at UCLA, a two-man game that could have the Pac-10 Conference rethinking the way it plays defense next season.

"It's weird, and kind of awkward at times," says Stokes, the Bruins' All-American split end. "We'll line up for a play and I'll see something (open) and kind of look at Wayne out of the corner of my eye. Somehow he'll just know what I'm gonna do. I'll run a route that's different from the play we called, and when I look up the ball will be there, staring me in the face."

"Sometimes I'll think, 'What if I didn't turn my head at that exact moment? The ball would have hit me in the back of the helmet.' But it's like I can sense it coming, and I turn around just in time to catch it."

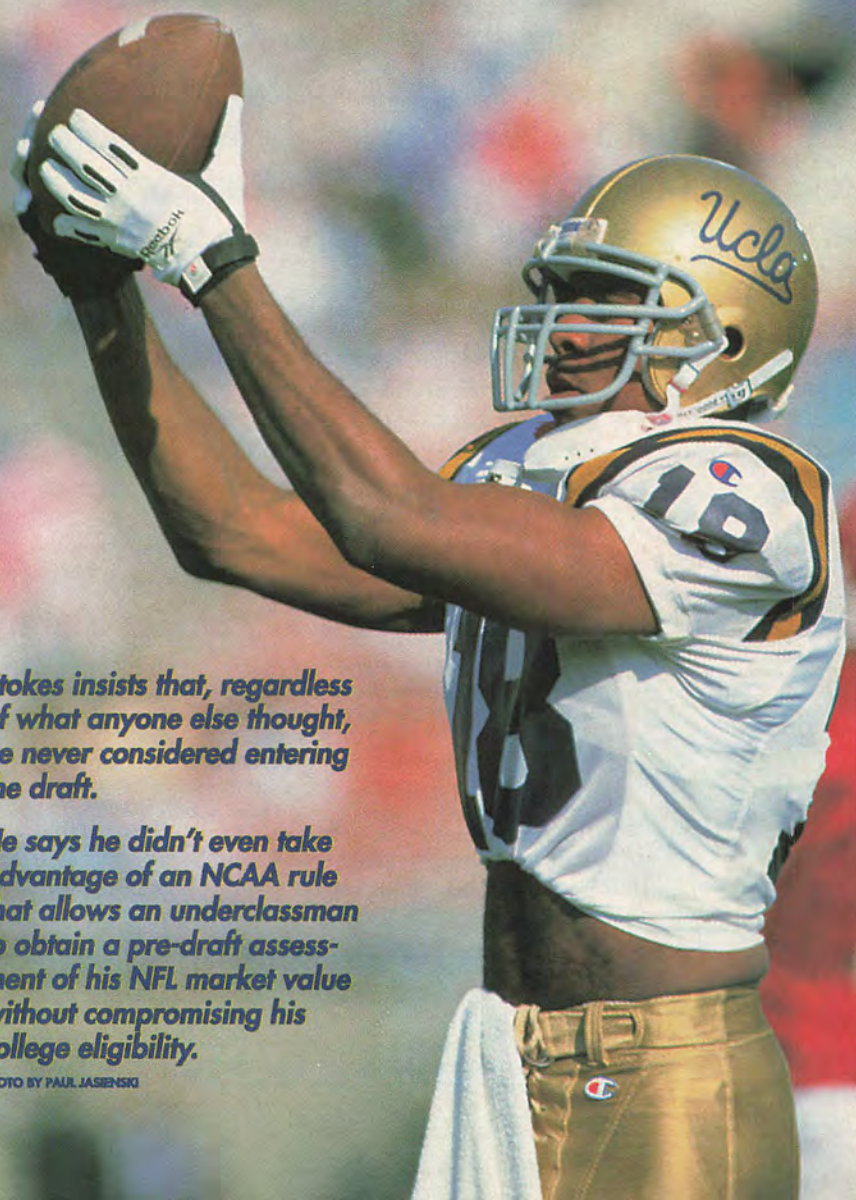
"It's like I know what he's gonna do before he does it," adds Cook, the Bruins' senior quarterback. "And it's like he knows when he changes a route, I'll pick up on it and wait for him."

"We had three or four touchdown passes last year that were completely different from the play that was called in the huddle or at the line. A lot of times you get interceptions that way, but we never had a turnover when that happened. It is kind of weird."

Stokes insists that, regardless of what anyone else thought, he never considered entering the draft.

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Kind of scary, too, although more so for UCLA opponents than for Cook and Stokes, who combined for 15 of the school-record 17 TD passes Stokes caught in 1993 during the Bruins' 8-4 Rose Bowl season.

Stokes also set school season records for receptions (82) and receiving yards (1,181), and Rose Bowl records with 14 catches and 176 yards in the 21-16 loss to Wisconsin on New Year's Day.

All of which helped make Stokes a unanimous first-team All-American, the Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Year and a leading candidate for the 1994 Heisman Trophy. He was seventh in the 1993 balloting, the highest finish among players returning this year.

The fact Stokes did return for his senior season was surprising to some, considering how hard it will be to improve on last season's numbers or his NFL market value.

It seemed as though he was one of the few underclassmen who didn't come out this year. Three of his UCLA teammates, linebacker Jamir Miller, defensive back Marvin Goodwin, and defensive lineman Bruce Walker, were among 29 players across the country who elected to turn pro.

"I had set my mind that J.J. was gone," Cook said. "Then right after the Rose Bowl (in which UCLA lost 21-16 to Wisconsin), he came up to me and said, 'Don't worry, we'll come back here and get 'em next year.' That kind of made me think he might be coming back."

In fact, Stokes insists that, regardless of what anyone else thought, he never considered entering the draft. He says he didn't even take advantage of an NCAA rule that allows an underclassman to obtain a pre-draft assessment of his NFL market value without compromising his college eligibility.

"I didn't find out where I might have been picked," he said. "I know I could have, and people told me I should have, but I just didn't. Because I knew all along I was staying."

"I decided midway through the season. There was a lot of talk right before the Rose Bowl that I was thinking about coming out, but I honestly never even thought about it. 'My gut feeling was just to stay.'"

He was predisposed in that direction by his parents, John and Annie Stokes of San Diego.

"He comes from a strong family background," said UCLA coach Terry Donahue. "His father has a great deal of influence on what J.J. thinks."

And John Stokes wanted J.J. — the youngest of his four children, all boys — to get an education above all else.

Annie provided her own input.

"My mom told me to enjoy my time in college, because it'll never come again," said J.J., who has three older brothers, including one (Darryl) who played for the USFL's Chicago Blitz and another (Jon) who's a chef at a four-star hotel in Lucerne, Switzerland.

"I'm enjoying myself at UCLA right now, that's the important thing."

If Stokes had any second thoughts, he said they were erased in February at the Walter Camp Foundation All-American Weekend in New Haven, Conn., where he hobnobbed with several NFL notables.

"I spoke with some guys who came out early, like Garrison Hearst and Michael Haynes," Stokes said.

"They told me it's a job — get up early, watch films, practice, meetings, come home tired, eat, go to sleep, then wake up early the next day and do it again."

"That didn't sound like fun."

And he figures that, as long as he stays healthy, the NFL will be just as interested next year in a player whose speed, pass-catching skills, and size (6-4 1/2, 214 pounds) match the blueprint specifications of the big, fast, rangy wide receiver the league seems to favor these days.

"For a while, the NFL was going for small, quick receivers, like the Smurfs and the Three Amigos," Cook says. "But now they're going back the other way. Michael Irvin, Sterling Sharpe — those are big guys. It's a new mold of wide receiver, and J.J. fits it perfectly."

No one is more grateful than Cook, of course, that Stokes will be fitting into the UCLA offense for one more season.

"Guys like him don't come along very often," Cook says. "It's almost like you can build your whole game plan around him. The defense almost has to double- or triple-cover him, and if they're concentrating that much on J.J., they'll be vulnerable somewhere else. That's when we get our run-

ning game going. And when they change to defend that, we can go back to J.J."

The defensive trend in the Pac-10 the last few years has been toward eight-man fronts to stop the run and pressure the passer. But the very presence of Stokes may be changing that. The eight-men-up, attack-style defense pretty much requires man-to-man secondary coverage, and trying to single-cover Stokes is a certifiably insane act.

"The last couple years teams have been bringing a lot of guys up, blitzing a lot," Stokes said. "But if you're throwing quick slant passes against that defense and they're going for touchdowns, I'd think maybe they would change the way they



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play defense. When I see a bunch of guys on the line and my guy's man-to-man, I just know I'm gonna score, because I don't think any defensive back can stop me one-on-one."

"I expect to see a little more two-deep zone this year. That means I might not catch quite as many balls as last year. But I still expect to score as many touchdowns."

Stokes says that when he visualizes his typical touchdown catch, "It's usually on a quick slant, where I get a step on my man, catch the ball, and the middle is open. There's just a safety back there, and I put a move on him and then I'm just running and running to the end zone."

That describes almost exactly Stokes' 95-yard catch-and-sprint TD against Washington last year — the longest scrimmage

play in school history and one of four TDs he had in a season-turning 39-25 victory.

"Down close to the goal line, J.J. has a sixth sense for improvising and getting open in the end zone," Cook said. "But in the middle of the field he never alters his patterns. He runs real precise routes, then makes something happen after the catch. You just hit him and he adds 60 yards to your stats."

But while the rest of the world may remember Stokes most vividly for his spectacular long-gainers and huge statistical days — like that 10-catch, 190-yard afternoon against Washington, and his star-making performance in the 1992 USC game when he caught six passes for an astounding 263 yards (another school record) and three TDs — his and Cook's fondest memories are of their shorter-yardage, extemporaneous goal-line plays.

That's where that strange telepathy they share really kicks in.

One play in the third quarter of the 1993 USC game particularly stands out in their minds.

"We were down pretty close, and the coaches called for a slant pass," Stokes said.

"Wayne saw something else at the line and tugged on his collar, a signal to me that he was changing the play to a deeper route over the middle. But I didn't see him make that signal.

"So I ran the original slant pattern, and (safety) Reggie Perry and another guy are waiting there in the middle. So I completely broke off that route and ran a post-corner. I got to the corner, turned around... and the ball was right there. I don't know how he knew I'd be going there, but he did.

"It looked like we planned the whole thing, but we didn't plan any of it. I wasn't surprised, though, because we'd been doing it all year."

"That was my favorite play of the season," Cook said. "I remember it so well. The slant wasn't there, and the play I checked to wasn't there, either. Basically, they had everything covered.

"I remember dropping back and one of their linebackers was running straight at me, so I didn't have any time. But when I saw all that traffic inside, somehow I knew that J.J. would break it outside. I didn't even see him make his cut, I just threw it

out there. J.J. had two guys on him but he caught it anyway. It ended up being one of my best passes of the year.

"It was like a schoolyard play. Seven-on-seven and you just tell the guy 'get open' and you throw it. It was pretty amazing."

The play went for a 17-yard touchdown and a 24-14 UCLA lead — the decisive points, it turned out, in the Bruins' 27-21 Rose Bowl-clinching victory.

"It's pretty special, the way we communicate on the field," said Cook, who has played only one full season at UCLA. "I'm looking forward to seeing what we can do now that we've been playing together for a year and know each other better."

They might never have gotten to play together at all if college scouts had been a little more attentive when Jerel Jamal Stokes was a senior at Point Loma High School in San Diego.

Because of his size, he wasn't recruited all that heavily. He was a classic "tweener," considered too big and slow to play wide receiver and too small to play tight end. Some schools wanted him as a tight end. J.J. said no way.

UCLA's coaches liked him as an athlete and said they'd give Stokes a shot at split end. That's about all it took. The Bruins beat out Ohio State (he didn't like the weather) and Cal ("too many weirdos there," he said) for his services.

Said Donahue: "There was no question about his hands or his instincts."

Or his dedication. Since his arrival at UCLA, Stokes has exhibited a fierce devotion to self-improvement — in his speed, strength, endurance, patterns, you name it. Last summer he was out at Drake Stadium, UCLA's track facility, at 7 a.m. every day, doing speed drills.

"His work ethic is extraordinary," Donahue said. "He's gifted and hard-working. He tries to make himself a better receiver and he doesn't get distracted."

Stokes plans to do more work before this season. "My main objective," he says, "is to get a half-step or full step faster."

Just what Pac-10 DBs were hoping to hear. Their main objective should be to help Stokes get more in touch with his softer, away-from-the-game persona, hoping it carries over into competition.

"I would describe myself as a very laid-back guy," Stokes says. "I really enjoy relaxing. What I like best is just watching sports on TV. If I didn't have to go to school, if I wasn't a football player, if I was financially secure, I swear I'd probably weigh about 250. I'd be a total couch potato."

A spud off the field, a stud on it. The combination works for Stokes, for Cook, and for UCLA. □

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No 1994 preseason All-American team would have excluded the names of San Diego State running back Marshall Faulk, Alabama wide receiver David Palmer, Ohio State defensive tackle Dan Wilkinson, Texas A&M defensive end

Sam Adams, UCLA linebacker Jamir Miller, and Florida State defensive back Corey Sawyer.

Instead, UCLA receiver Stokes and Florida State linebacker Brooks are the only returning consensus All-Americans. Those other six consensus selections from 1993 are long gone, along with another dozen high-profile players who would have been top Heisman and All-American candidates for this season; most notably Tennessee quarterback Heath Shuler, Nebraska running back Calvin Jones, and Arizona all-purpose player Charles Levy.

So when voters look at their list of candidates, they'll have to look deeper than ever.

Along with Stokes and Brooks, probably only Michigan tailback Tyrone Wheatley is an automatic All-American heading into the season.

Notre Dame cornerback Bobby Taylor, Illinois linebacker Dana Howard, Ohio State offensive tackle Korey Stringer, and Boston College tight end Pete Mitchell were first-team selections by at least one major All-American selection committee last season, which means they have a head start in name-recognition. □

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By Charles Anton

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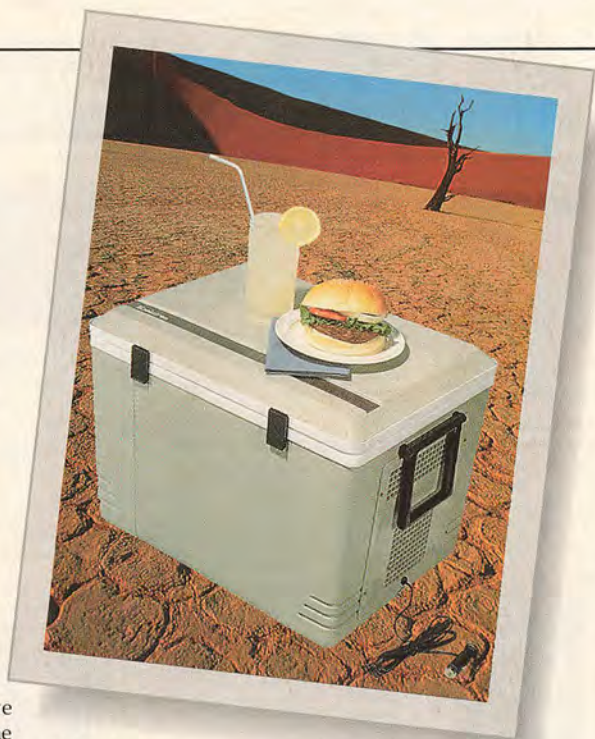
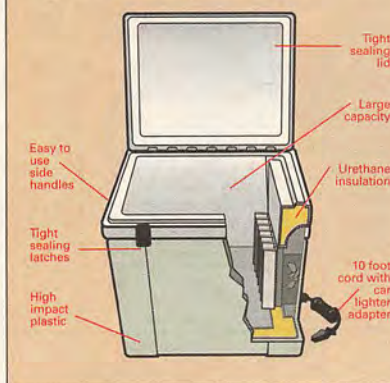
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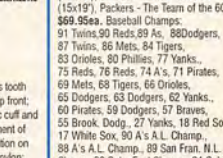
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Dunn Plays Homebody Routine Well

By Tom Wheatley



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About a half century ago, a wonderful old baseball pitcher named Satchel Paige warned athletes, "Avoid the social ramble."

Telling that to Warrick Dunn is like preaching to the choir. As a freshman tailback last year at Florida State, Dunn took being a homebody to a championship level.

Of course, he had a champion of a role model in his senior roommate, Heisman Trophy winner Charlie Ward.

Personality and football combined to keep Dunn with his own thoughts for most of his time away from the practice field and the classroom. The youngster from Baton Rouge is shy and quiet.

"When I first got here, all I did was sleep," Dunn said. "I didn't have any relatives here in Florida. I didn't know anybody, period. So I'd go out and do what I had to do during the day, and then come back and go to sleep."

"I didn't really talk until we got to practice time, and Ward just encouraged me. We went from there and just spent more time together."

At 5-9 and only 170 pounds, Dunn used much of his spare time to mend.

"It's pretty rough," said Dunn, after his momentous rookie year in the backfield for the national champion Seminoles. "I'm sore all the time. I get in the whirlpool and rest. That's what I want. Because of my size, one little hit can bruise me or injure me for the rest of the year."

"I try to use my quickness to get me through. I just protect myself and don't take hits head on."

That allergy to contact served Dunn and the Seminoles well. Even though he had wanted to redshirt last season, he was just too good to incubate.

Dunn led the Seminoles with 10 touchdowns. He was the team's No. 2 rusher, even though he rushed only 93 times. He ran off 511 yards, though, for a whopping 7.5 average per carry and four of his TDs.

Dunn also was dangerous on pass routes, making 25 catches for 357 yards, a 14.3-yard average, and six TDs.

The little freshman made big plays. His 79-yard reception broke open the victory over archrival Florida, and his 63-yard run broke Wake Forest's back.

For someone whose actions spoke so loudly on the field, Dunn was almost invisible off it. He and Ward could have starred in campus social circles. Instead, they hunkered down in their room and shunned the limelight.

"We just built up a really good friendship," Dunn said. "It's like we've been knowing each other all our lives."

It's unusual for a senior star to room with a freshman rookie. A mutual friend, Louisiana native Doug Williams, brought Dunn and Ward together.

"He (Ward) met Doug in the airport one day," Dunn said of the former pro quarterback. "Me and Doug were close buddies. They became closer, and Doug suggested to him that he watch out for me when I got there. So Charlie called me a couple of weeks later and wanted to know if I'd like to be his roommate."

Some rookies might attach themselves quickly to a celebrity roommate. Not Warrick Dunn.

"When we came back to the room, I would just lay down and watch TV," he said. "I didn't go anywhere. I didn't say nothing. But as time went on, we got closer and closer and became good friends. I guess I just started to open up."

Dunn was more contemplative than the average college kid for a tragic reason. His mother, a Baton Rouge policewoman, was gunned down on duty on Jan. 7, 1993.

A single parent with six children, Betty Dunn was working overtime on night patrol to support her family. She was killed while driving a supermarket manager to a bank to make a drive-through deposit.

The Florida State sports information department said Dunn has quit talking publicly about the worst night of his young life.

"That's right," he said softly. "I don't."

She left him with a rock-solid foundation of values. And unlike many kids who leave home for the first time, his values got stronger.

"I became more religious when I came here," Dunn said. "I read more. Back home, of course, I went to church. But not as often. My mom taught me that you didn't have to go to church to worship the Lord."

"My mom, she always worked Sunday mornings. If she didn't, we'd get up and go to church. Fine. Otherwise, we wouldn't go. Of course, we're going Easter Sunday. But she would work more hours in the day than a hard-working person, a normal person. Normally she was very tired."

His mother was special. So is Ward.

"Like everyone else knows, he's exceptional," Dunn said. "It's an honor for me to be rooming with him. I'm trying to take advantage of it."

They are homebodies, and proud of it.

"A great night is watching sports on TV and talking on the phone with our girlfriends," Dunn said. "I think there's a lot of people who wish they were like us, but I wouldn't suggest that. That's like changing their lifestyles to conduct like ours, and they're not used to it."

"They may not be comfortable with that, because people always talk about us: Do we stay in the house too much or lead boring lives?"

"We don't do anything but stay in the house all the time. We go out occasionally to eat, but other than that, we just live the American boring life—what everyone else would call it."

"But we think it's lots of fun. A couple of guys make fun of us, but it doesn't bother no one."

While relaxing in the room, Dunn doesn't waste energy creating goals.

"No, I just let things go, let things happen," he said. "Go with the flow. It's not how many yards I get or how many catches. My thing is to stay healthy and just play. And if I play, I hope I do well."

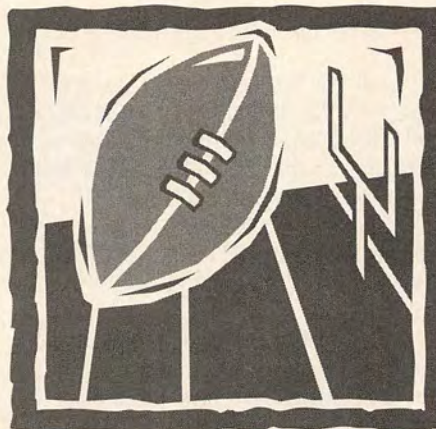
Ward is moving on to the pros, but Dunn does not expect his quiet routine to change.

"I'm rooming with a guy that we both hung around with and really got along with, Byron Capers," Dunn said. "He played a lot as a true freshman last year on special teams. We all hung out together. It's like he lived here with us, too. He's always in our room, hanging out."

And so the laid-back tradition continues. □

RESULTS

BIG 8



1993

COLORADO (8-3-1, 5-1-1)

36	Texas	14
45	Baylor	21
37	Stanford	41
29	Miami	35
30	Missouri	18
27	Oklahoma	10
16	Kansas State	16
17	Nebraska	21
31	Oklahoma State	14
38	Kansas	14
21	Iowa State	16
41	ALOHA BOWL Fresno State	30

IOWA STATE (3-8-0, 2-5-0)

54	Northern Illinois	10
28	Iowa	31
7	Wisconsin	28
21	Rice	49
7	Oklahoma	24
20	Kansas	35
20	Oklahoma State	17
34	Missouri	37
27	Kansas State	23
17	Nebraska	49
16	Colorado	21

KANSAS (5-7-0, 3-4-0)

0	Florida State	42
46	Western Carolina	3
14	Michigan State	31
16	Utah	41
24	Colorado State	6
9	Kansas State	10
35	Iowa State	20
23	Oklahoma	38
13	Oklahoma State	6
20	Nebraska	21
14	Colorado	38
28	Missouri	0

KANSAS STATE (9-2-1, 4-2-1)

34	New Mexico State	10
38	Western Kentucky	13
30	Minnesota	58
36	UNLV	20
10	Kansas	9
28	Nebraska	45
16	Colorado	16
21	Oklahoma	7
23	Iowa State	27
31	Missouri	13
21	Oklahoma State	17
52	COPPER BOWL Wyoming	17

MISSOURI (3-7-1, 2-5-0)

31	Illinois	3
0	Texas A&M	73
3	West Virginia	35
10	SMU	10
18	Colorado	30
42	Oklahoma State	9
7	Nebraska	49
37	Iowa State	34
23	Oklahoma	42
13	Kansas State	31
0	Kansas	28

NEBRASKA (11-1-0, 7-0-0)

76	North Texas	14
50	Texas Tech	27
14	UCLA	13
48	Colorado State	13
27	Oklahoma State	13
45	Kansas State	28
49	Missouri	7
21	Colorado	17
21	Kansas	20
49	Iowa State	17
21	Oklahoma	7
16	ORANGE BOWL Florida State	18

OKLAHOMA (9-3-0, 4-3-0)

35	TCU	3
44	Texas A&M	14
41	Tulsa	20
24	Iowa State	7
38	Texas (at Dallas)	17
10	Colorado	27
38	Kansas	23
7	Kansas State	21
42	Missouri	23
31	Oklahoma State	0
7	Nebraska	21
41	JOHN HANCOCK BOWL Texas Tech	10

OKLAHOMA STATE (3-8-0, 0-7-0)

45	SW Missouri State	7
16	Tulsa	10
10	Arizona State	12
27	TCU	22
13	Nebraska	27
9	Missouri	42
17	Iowa State	20
6	Kansas	13
14	Colorado	31
0	Oklahoma	31
17	Kansas State	21

KANSAS STATE

WILDCATS

PLAYERS LIKE LOFTY HEIGHTS OF SUCCESS

By Greg Couch



To get where Kansas State was, you had to drive past the riff-raff, up into the foothills of the massive and peaceful

Santa Catalina Mountains. Once on the grounds, you passed the entrance to the Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course and the lighted clay tennis courts to the front doors, where you were met by a guy in a green uniform and white fedora, who would park your car.

Inside, you faced the biggest window you've ever seen, big enough to take in the swim-up bar on the resort as well as the mountain range in the distance.

K-State players came to the grand lobby in grey crinkled sweatsuits with purple stripes, freshly showered and with shorn heads. They each piled at least two huge burgers — seemed like a pound of meat in each patty — and thick onion rings on fine white china while a wide-eyed waitress with blonde hair ticked their names off a list.

A large man in tan suit pants and suspenders, black hair slicked, with a phone or radio sticking out of his back pocket, hovered and paced as the piano player tickled the ivories with "Tangerine."

It was a buffet luncheon in the lobby of Tucson's Westin La Paloma, the team hotel for the Copper Bowl in December.

So this is how the other half lives.

What's the difference between K-State's program of five years ago, when coach Bill Snyder took over, and now?

"It's probably the difference," Snyder said at the time, "between a Motel 6 and where we are right now."

K-State's station in life seems to have changed as suddenly as the Beverly Hillbillies' did.

The Wildcats went on to beat Wyoming

52-17 for the first bowl victory in school history. At No. 18 and No. 20 in the major polls, the Wildcats finished the season with a ranking for the first time ever. And their 9-2-1 record was their best since 1910.

All this from a team who just five years ago had won one of 33 games. All this from the losingest program in the history of college football.

Afterward, in the locker room, Snyder gathered his players and told them, "That's the last game of the biggest turnaround in college football history."

But that was just the excitement talking. Snyder didn't mean it.

Sure, it's a big turnaround. But the last game? No. There's plenty more to be done.

Realizing so much, Snyder's mind came back to its normal control.

"He told us to celebrate, take in the victory, and have fun so we'll know how it feels and want to get back," offensive tackle Barrett Brooks said. "Then he told us, 'Don't go out and waste it all. We've got

winter conditioning coming up.'"

The Wildcats broke into the league's Big Three — Colorado, Nebraska, Oklahoma — in deed if not perception. They lost to Nebraska in the final minute, tied Colorado, and beat Oklahoma by two touchdowns. They finished in third place, ahead of OU, but then went to the Copper Bowl, which is for the fourth-place team.

Officials at the Aloha Bowl, the third-place bowl, did cartwheels to avoid being stuck with the Wildcats. And at a news conference before the Copper Bowl, a Tucson reporter asked Snyder if his dreams include getting the program all the way to the level of the Big Three.

"Oklahoma, Nebraska, and Colorado have this little club," K-State athletic director Max Urlick said. "And they don't want to let anyone else in."

But after all those years of losing, can K-State really expect to jump that quickly?

"If we're going to be talking about the Big Three in the Big Eight, no, I wouldn't mention Kansas State either unless we specify that we're talking about last year," Snyder said. "You have to look at it that way. I think it's only fair. We're there now, but will we be?"

Here's a history lesson about Kansas State: In 1915, the football team was given the nickname "Wildcats" by coach Chief Bender for its "fighting spirit."

One year later, after a losing season, the team name was switched to "Farmers."

But you don't have to look that far back to find a K-State team that did well, then flopped. K-State's only other bowl appearance was in 1982. It went 3-8 the next season.

And in 1991, K-State went 7-4, missing

SENIOR QUARTERBACK CHAD MAY THREW FOR A SCHOOL RECORD 2,682 YARDS LAST SEASON, THIRD-HIGHEST IN BIG EIGHT HISTORY.

PHOTO BY STEVE BEYER

KANSAS STATE AT A GLANCE

Team Strengths: Starting quarterback, receivers, starting running back, linebackers.

Possible Weaknesses: Defensive backs, offensive line, depth along defensive front, kicker, backup quarterback.

Key Losses: Thomas Randolph, CB; Kenny McEntyre, CB; Jaime Mendez, FS; Kitt Rawlings, SS; John Butler, DE; Andre Coleman, WR; Quentin Neujahr, C.

Players to Watch: Chad May, QB; Kevin Lockett, WR; J.J. Smith, RB; Jim Hmielewski, OT; Tim Colston, DT; Darrell Harbert, DT; Percell Gaskins, LB; Kirby Hocutt, LB.



SPRING ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
25	Andre Anderson	RB	Fr.	5-10	185	West Palm Bch, FL
6	Shannon Atkins	PK	Sr.	5-11	195	Wichita
88	Ellicott Banks	WR	Fr.	6-1	175	Rowlett, TX
18	Vaughn Blythe	WR	Jr.	5-9	175	Wellsburg, IA
8	Clyde Boulter	CB	Jr.	5-10	175	Brandon, FL
73	Barrett Brooks	OT	Sr.	6-5	285	Florissant, Mo
18	Gordon Brown	CB	Jr.	5-7	160	Bradenton, FL
3	Ron Brown	WR	Sr.	5-7	160	Indianapolis, IN
90	Richard Bush	DT	Jr.	6-4	255	Scottsdale, AZ
17	Chris Canty	CB	Fr.	5-10	190	Voorhees, NJ
15	Scott Collins	PK	Fr.	5-8	180	Kansas City, MO
92	Tim Colston	DT	Jr.	6-1	265	Tampa, FL
96	Blair Detelich	DT	Sr.	6-0	255	Brookfield, OH
20	Leon Edwards	RB	Sr.	5-6	165	Wichita
29	Mike Ekeler	LB	Sr.	5-10	200	Blair, NE
43	DeShawn Fogle	LB	So.	6-2	235	Manhattan
61	Blake Frigon	C	So.	5-11	240	Clay Center
9	Percell Gaskins	LB	Jr.	6-1	215	Ormand Beach, FL
1	Joe Gordon	CB	So.	5-9	170	Arlington, TX
59	Jeff Greene	OG	Jr.	6-1	285	Manhattan
91	Kelly Greene	DT	Sr.	6-2	270	Manhattan
79	Ross Greenwood	OG	So.	6-3	290	Fayetteville, AR
35	Ivan Griffin	RB	Jr.	5-10	200	Kansas City, MO
82	Jarrett Grossdier	TE	Fr.	6-5	230	St. Paul
28	Steve Hanks	FS	Jr.	6-0	200	Manhattan
49	Wade Hanson	WR	Fr.	5-11	175	Cedar Rapids, IA
93	Darrell Harbert	DT	Sr.	6-1	280	Dallas, TX
16	Eric Hardy	P	Sr.	5-10	185	Kansas City
55	Hek'ma Harrison	LB	Fr.	6-1	220	Dallas, TX
67	Matt Hemphill	LS	Sr.	6-2	255	Kansas City, MO
71	Scott Heun	OL	Jr.	6-4	295	Halstead
24	Eric Hickson	RB	Fr.	5-10	185	Fort Lauderdale, FL
26	Todd Hiasney	WR	Jr.	6-0	180	Emporia
70	Jim Hmielewski	OT	Sr.	6-7	305	Franklin Park, IL
45	Kirby Hocutt	LB	Sr.	5-10	215	Sherman, TX
47	Darren Holmes	LB	So.	6-0	225	Fenton, MO
74	Kendyl Jacox	C	Fr.	6-1	285	Dallas, TX
10	Pete Jelovic	QB	Fr.	6-4	210	Cleveland, OH
40	Clyde Johnson	SS	So.	5-10	195	Austin, TX
64	Jason Johnson	C	So.	6-2	260	Gladstone, MO

NO.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
12	Brian Kavanagh	QB	So.	6-3	205	Naperville, IL
36	Dederick Kelly	FB	Jr.	5-11	220	Baton Rouge, LA
48	Bobby Lafolais	TE	So.	6-5	250	Baton Rouge, LA
23	Mike Lawrence	RB	Fr.	5-10	185	Carol City, FL
83	Kevin Lockett	WR	So.	6-0	165	Tulsa, OK
80	Brian Lajka	TE	Jr.	6-6	260	Manhattan
16	Craig Mancin	QB	Jr.	6-3	225	Mount Zion, IL
21	Chuck Marlowe	SS	Jr.	6-1	185	Youngstown, OH
77	John Martin	DT	So.	6-4	300	Dallas, TX
5	Chad May	QB	Sr.	6-2	220	Upland, CA
34	Matt McEwen	DE	Jr.	6-2	225	Belleville
87	Gabe Miller	WR	So.	5-8	170	Lenexa
6	Matt Miller	QB	Jr.	6-1	200	San Diego, CA
94	Dirk Ochs	DE	Jr.	6-4	235	Overland Park
63	Chris Oltmanns	OT	So.	6-6	290	Delmar, IA
68	Brian O'Neil	OG	So.	6-3	275	Littleton, CO
27	Keith Porter	CB	Jr.	6-0	190	West Palm Bch, FL
31	Rob Raney	RB	So.	5-11	200	Scandia
81	Brian Rees	TE	Sr.	6-4	260	Sioux City, IA
85	Tony Roberts	WR	Jr.	5-9	170	Brooksville, FL
31	T.J. Robinson	CB	Fr.	5-11	165	Dallas, TX
38	Chad Romano	P	So.	6-1	190	West Palm Bch, FL
89	Mitch Running	WR	Jr.	6-0	185	Decorah, IA
30	Rod Schiller	RB	Sr.	6-0	215	Sherman, TX
7	Tyson Schwieger	WR	Jr.	5-10	175	Cedar Rapids, IA
19	Will Skeans	LB	So.	6-0	210	Ozark, MO
22	J.J. Smith	RB	Sr.	6-0	205	Kansas City, MO
4	Mario Smith	SS	So.	5-11	185	Miami, FL
57	Gregory Speer	OG	Fr.	5-10	230	Emporia
41	Monty Spiller	DB	Fr.	6-0	175	Dallas, TX
62	David Squires	OG	Jr.	6-3	275	Florissant, MO
49	Chris Sublette	SS	Sr.	6-0	180	Clearwater, FL
99	Andrew Timmons	DE	Jr.	6-2	255	Brooksville, FL
87	Curt Turner	DE	So.	6-4	230	Scott City
75	Toosavili Ulutu	OC	Jr.	6-1	295	San Diego, CA
54	Laird Veatch	LB	Sr.	6-3	230	Manhattan
51	Casey Wehrman	LB	Fr.	6-1	200	Derby
58	Todd Weiner	OL	Fr.	6-5	235	Coral Springs, FL
13	J.W. Wright	QB	Fr.	6-2	185	Burlingame
44	Nyle Wiren	DE	So.	6-1	235	Wichita

WILDCATS STATISTICS

PASSING

NAME	ATT	COMP	YARDS	PCT	TD	INT
May	351	185	2682	52.7	16	10
Kavanagh	4	1	16	25.0	0	0

RUSHING

NAME	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	TD
Smith	190	748	3.9	33	10
Schiller	124	505	4.1	31	3
Edwards	13	61	4.7	27	0

RECEIVING

NAME	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	TD
Lockett	50	770	15.4	58	4
Coleman	42	761	18.1	67	6
Running	41	466	11.4	40	1
Smith	20	247	12.4	70	2

TACKLES

Hocutt (135), Hendez (127), McEntyre (92), Veatch (87), Gaskins (78), Butler (63), Colston (62)

INTERCEPTIONS

Randolph (4), Hocutt (3), Mendez (2), Ochs (1), McEntyre (1), Marlowe (1)

COACH: BILL SNYDER

26-28-1, 5 years

1993 Record: 4-2-1/3rd; 8-2-1 overall

Stadium: KSU Stadium (42,000)

WILDCATS OFFENSE

NUMBER	QUARTERBACK	YEAR
5	Chad May*	Senior
6	Matt Miller	Junior
NUMBER	RUNNING BACK	YEAR
22	J.J. Smith*	Senior
20	Leon Edwards	Senior
NUMBER	WIDE RECEIVER	YEAR
83	Kevin Lockett*	Freshman
7	Tyson Schwieger	Junior
NUMBER	WIDE RECEIVER	YEAR
89	Mitch Running*	Junior
85	Tony Roberts	Junior
NUMBER	WIDE RECEIVER	YEAR
3	Ron Brown	Senior
7	Tyson Schwieger	Junior
NUMBER	TIGHT END	YEAR
81	Brian Rees	Senior
80	Brian Lajka	Junior
NUMBER	OFFENSIVE TACKLE	YEAR
73	Barrett Brooks*	Senior
59	Jeff Greene	Junior
NUMBER	OFFENSIVE GUARD	YEAR
79	Ross Greenwood	Sophomore
74	Kendyl Jacox	Freshman
NUMBER	CENTER	YEAR
64	Jason Johnson	Sophomore
62	David Squires	Junior
NUMBER	OFFENSIVE GUARD	YEAR
63	Chris Oltmanns	Sophomore
68	Brian O'Neil	Sophomore
NUMBER	OFFENSIVE TACKLE	YEAR
70	Jim Hmielewski*	Senior
71	Scott Heun	Junior

*Returning starter

WILDCATS DEFENSE

NUMBER	DEFENSIVE END	YEAR
44	Nyle Wiren	Sophomore
34	Matt McEwen	Junior
NUMBER	DEFENSIVE TACKLE	YEAR
92	Tim Colston	Junior
90	Richard Bush	Junior
NUMBER	DEFENSIVE TACKLE	YEAR
93	Darrell Harbert*	Senior
91	Kelly Greene	Senior
NUMBER	DEFENSIVE END	YEAR
94	Dirk Ochs*	Junior
99	Andrew Timmons	Junior
NUMBER	LINEBACKER	YEAR
9	Percell Gaskins*	Junior
29	Mike Ekeler	Senior
NUMBER	LINEBACKER	YEAR
45	Kirby Hocutt*	Senior
43	DeShawn Fogle	Sophomore
NUMBER	LINEBACKER	YEAR
54	Laird Veatch*	Senior
19	Will Skeans	Sophomore
NUMBER	CORNERBACK	YEAR
8	Clyde Boulder	Junior
4	Gordon Brown	Junior
NUMBER	CORNERBACK	YEAR
1	Joe Gordon	Sophomore
17	Chris Canty	Freshman
NUMBER	STRONG SAFETY	YEAR
21	Chuck Marlowe	Junior
4	Mario Smith	Sophomore
NUMBER	FREE SAFETY	YEAR
28	Steve Hanks	Junior
49	Chris Sublette	Senior

a bowl game only because it didn't have enough victories over Division I-A competition. The next year, just two seasons ago, the Wildcats were 5-6.

Losers again.

"After going 7-4, all through spring ball we talked about the Orange Bowl," offensive tackle Jim Hmielewski said. "But realistically, the players didn't believe. A lot of people talked, but talking doesn't mean a whole lot."

Some of the players might not have believed in themselves. Others believed too much.

"Everybody just kind of thought, 'Well, it's happened now.' And everyone assumed it would keep happening," linebacker Laird Veatch said.

Running back J.J. Smith agreed: "I think we got too cocky. You could just tell. 'Yeah, we're there, now.' We took everything for granted, like everything would just fall in our hands."

"Then we fell off and I think that woke us up. We've got a lot of guys now who understand what we've got to do."

"Now we know."

This is K-State's company line for this year: Don't take anything for granted. The no-respect theme of last year just doesn't seem to work any more. Sure, the Aloha Bowl didn't want the Wildcats.

"Everybody is thinking we were a fluke and we're going to fall off again," Smith said.

Everybody?

Who?

"Well," Smith said, "there are always going to be doubters."

Nice try.

But K-State is getting plenty of respect. Hmielewski says that when he walks around campus, people stop, point, and whisper, "There he is." Smith, who watched the tape of the Copper Bowl every other day for a month, said that people still approach him and say, "Great job in the Copper Bowl."

And Veatch and safety Steve Hanks, who grew up in Manhattan, say they can't believe the difference between the Wildcats of today and those of when they were young.

"I used to come to the games all the time," Hanks said. "I would just watch a little part of it, then go outside the fence and play football."

"You did that?" Veatch said. "Me too."

**J.J. SMITH WAS THE ONLY PLAYER
IN THE BIG EIGHT LAST
SEASON WITH MORE THAN 700 YARDS
RUSHING AND 200 RECEIVING.**

PHOTO BY JOHN WILLIAMSON



WILDCATS RECRUITING

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Gordon BROWN DB	5-8, 160	Bradenton, FL	Hutchinson C. C. Had 18 interceptions in two years at Hutchinson... Second-team J. C. Grid Wire All-American... SuperPrep rated No. 32 junior college prospect nationally... Led nation with 11 interceptions in 1992... Two-time All-Jayhawk Conference... Has 4.4 speed in the 40.
Marlon CHARLES DB	5-10, 180	Kansas City, MO	Hickman Mills SuperPrep All-American, listed as No. 15 defensive back nationally... BLUECHIP Illustrated All-Midwest... Rushed for 1,404 yards and 10 touchdowns as a senior... Two-way All-District... State runner-up in 100-meters.
David CONLEY DB	6-3, 195	St. Louis, MO	McCluer North St. Louis Post-Dispatch Player of the Year... All-State... As a senior, had four interceptions, three caused fumbles and was in on 110 tackles... Had 1,823 rushing yards and 22 touchdowns... Had 16 tackles in state championship game... More than 4,800 career rushing yards.
Jimmy DEAN WR	5-10, 190	Coconut Creek, FL	Butler County C. C. First-team junior college All-American... Jayhawk Conference Player of the Year... Led conference in touchdowns (20), all-purpose yards (more than 1,500), receiving yards and kickoff returns... All-County in high school.
Ray EAGLE DT	6-4, 290	Florence, SC	Garden City C. C. J. C. Grid Wire first-team All-American... SuperPrep rated No. 24 junior college player nationally... Conference Lineman of the Year... Charlotte News prep All-State.
Jerome EVANS DT	6-5, 275	Waco, TX	University SuperPrep list of Top 100 Texas players... All-State... All-District... Helped team to district crown... In 1993, had 78 tackles, seven sacks, and three fumble recoveries... As tight end, caught eight passes for 116 yards... Averaged 12 points and 15 rebounds in basketball.
Troy HACKNEY WR/DB	6-2, 200	Hays	Hays All-State... As a senior, had 87 tackles, five interceptions and three forced fumbles... Rushed for 640 yards (seven yard avg.) and had more than 300 receiving yards.
Joseph HAYNES DT	6-1, 300	Kansas City, MO	Van Horne BLUECHIP Illustrated honorable mention All-American... Had 115 tackles as a senior... Two-way All-State and All-District... Had nine sacks in one game as a junior.
Brian JACKSON WR	6-2, 180	Hays	Hays First-team All-State by Associated Press, Wichita Eagle and Topeka Capital-Journal... Led state players with 44 catches for 923 yards and 11 scores... Two-time All-Conference.

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Jeremy MARTIN OT	6-4, 285	Liberty, MO	Liberty BLUECHIP Illustrated All-American... SuperPrep rated No. 32 prospect in Midlands... Two-time All-State, All-District, All-Metro... Helped team to three consecutive conference and district titles.
John MARTIN DT	6-6, 310	Dallas, TX	Tennessee State Transfer from Tennessee State where he started seven games... Had 14 tackles and 3.5 sacks last season... Dallas Morning News Top 100 list as high school senior.
David McINTYRE OL	6-4, 290	Ravenna, OH	Rootstown Second-team All-State as senior and junior... Two-time All-District... Earned four letters in track and two in basketball.
Todd MILLER QB	6-2, 195	Manhattan	Manhattan Topeka Capital-Journal and Wichita Eagle first-team All-State... Completed more than 50 percent of passes for more than 800 yards as a senior... Helped teams to state semifinals... Honor roll student.
Mike MUNSON OG	6-3, 270	DeSoto, TX	DeSoto All-State, All-District, All-Metro, All-Area... Houston Chronicle and Fort Worth Star Telegram Top 100 list... Helped team to district crown.
Travis OCHS LB	6-3, 200	Overland Park	Shawnee Mission South First-team All-State and All-Metro... Two-way All-Conference... League Defensive Player of the Year... Helped team to district crown... Three-year letterman... Twice lettered as triple jumper.
Justin SWIFT TE	6-4, 220	Overland Park	Blue Valley Four-year letterman... Helped team to state title as sophomore and to semifinals as junior... Caught 20 passes for 320 yards and a score as a senior... All-State... Member of basketball team.
Toosavili ULUTU C	6-3, 295	San Diego, CA	Grossmont C. C. Started every game for two years at Grossmont... As high school senior, was two-time All-Conference... Honorable mention All-American... Bench presses 400 pounds.
Ryan YOUNG OT	6-6, 330	St. Louis, MO	Parkway Central Rated second-best player in St. Louis area by St. Louis Post-Dispatch... SuperPrep rated No. 60 player in Midlands... All-State... Two-time All-Conference... Two-way starter... Had 95 tackles, two sacks, three fumble recoveries and five passes knocked down as a senior.

SPRING UPDATE

Quarterback Chad May missed spring practices with an injured knee. Coach Bill Snyder, who hides injuries as if they were game plans, said May's injury was minor and didn't offer specifics. But May was seen on crutches and was said to have had surgery. Sources said he should be ready for fall drills.

May's absence left backup Matt Miller to run the offense, and Miller became the best story of the spring. Not only was he the No. 1 quarterback, but he also was the top hitter on the baseball team. As a result, he was the busiest student on campus.

Here's an example of what spring was like for Miller: One day, he walked off the football field in full pads after practice, and from across the parking lot he heard the public address announcer at the baseball field calling the lineup for a game against Missouri. "At designated hitter, Matt Miller."

Miller didn't know he was starting. He sprinted to the locker room, switched uniforms, then ran back to the baseball field. He was too late, had missed his turn at bat and was replaced. A few innings later, though, he was used as a pinch-hitter. He doubled to extend a hitting streak that reached 18 games.

Miller told stories of taping his ankles for football practice in the dugout during the late innings of baseball games, missing the baseball team bus while at football practice, then catching a ride from friends to games. But he didn't say much about a social life.

"I watch TV an awful lot," he said. "Other than that, when I'm not sleeping, I'm just lying on the couch. I have no energy. I'm dead, basically, every night."

He was one of two stars in the spring game, completing 16 of 23 passes for 199 yards and two touchdowns against the No. 1 defense, which was not allowed to blitz.

"The first half of the spring, Matt had played well, but he kind of plateaued during the second half and didn't make a lot of improvement," Snyder said.

"He's got a lot of things going on and quarterback is a position that requires a lot of concentration. 'But one of the concerns we had going into the spring was, 'Do we have a solid No. 2 quarterback?' I think we've found him."

The other standout from the spring game was backup tailback Leon Edwards, who carried the ball 11 times for 77 yards, 16 yards more than he had all of the 1993 regular season.

Trying to analyze intrasquad spring games can be tricky, and K-State's was particularly strange. The game featured a team made up of the No. 1 offense and No. 2 defense against the No. 2 offense and No. 1 defense.

The team with the No. 1 offense won, 44-0.

That means the starting offense scored all those points on the starting defense. Does that mean the depleted defensive backfield might struggle more than expected? Or is the No. 1 offense just that strong? And why did the No. 2 defense shutout the No. 2 offense?

Even Snyder said he wasn't sure what it all meant. But he did leave spring with several of the same concerns he had going in: Overall depth, the defensive backfield, the offensive line, and the kicking game.

Redshirt freshman walk-on Scott Collins won the starting kicking job, and made field goals of 54 and 47 yards in the spring game with the wind at his back. But he also missed an extra point.

"That's kind of the way it's gone for him all spring," Snyder said. "He's very inconsistent. He hasn't done the things we'd like him to do."

Veatch was a ballboy at K-State games when he was young, "so I saw every game of the bad years.

"The attitude around town, obviously, was that K-State was a joke.

"Players, coaches, fans, there weren't near as many, and they didn't really care.

"Now, we get a lot more respect as far as being football players. With the success we had, we get treated a lot better. I'm always getting people congratulating me, people I haven't seen in a long time."

Instead, K-State will be driven by memories. There were the failures of two years ago: "It was the worst feeling in the world," Brooks said.

And there was the fun of last year.

In all, 15,000 K-State fans went to Tucson for the Copper Bowl. And all those lights from ESPN. And all those touchdowns.

Then, the feeling afterward.

How did the Wildcats celebrate, anyway?

"We were just taking advantage of the La Paloma," Brooks said. "It gave us that craving to get back."

Incentive and emotion are there, but what about talent?

K-State returns seven starters on offense and seven on defense. The biggest losses are in the defensive backfield, last year's strength, where all four starters are new. Three of last year's starters — Thomas Randolph, Kenny McEntyre, and Jaime Mendez — figure to have careers in the NFL.

Randolph and McEntyre were so fast at cornerback that K-State regularly used Mendez and Kitt Rawlings to help stop the run. That means strategy might have to change.

Snyder has 12 players to choose from, and might not pick starters until close to opening day, Sept. 3 at home against Southwestern Louisiana.

Bet on Hanks, a junior, to start at free safety because he's the only defensive back on the roster with more than a handful of minutes of experience. The other starters figure to be junior Chuck Marlowe at strong safety, sophomore Joe Gordon, and junior Clyde Boulter at cornerback.

Those three combined for just 23 tackles last season.

"For the most part, they're very inexperienced youngsters," Snyder said. "We have to find ways to circumvent that, but we can't provide game experience until games actually start."

Experience won't be a problem in the front seven. All three starting linebackers

K-State returns seven starters on offense and seven on defense. The biggest losses are in the defensive backfield, last year's strength, where all four starters are new.

— junior Percell Gaskins and seniors Kirby Hocutt and Veatch — are back from last year. K-State is touting this as its best line-backing corps ever.

Gaskins, the former NCAA indoor high jump champion, was the Big Eight Defensive Newcomer of the Year and Hocutt led the team with 135 tackles.

Defensive line doesn't offer the same depth, but three starters — junior tackle Tim Colston, senior tackle Darrell Harbert, and sophomore end Dirk Ochs — are back. K-State returns 10 of its top 12 players on a line that held Colorado and Oklahoma to an average of 2.2 yards per rush.

And the Wildcats added junior college All-American tackle Ray Eagle from Garden City Community College in Kansas.

Harbert and Colston were second-team all league and Ochs was second on the team with eight sacks. The other starter probably will be sophomore Nyle Wiren, who hasn't played much.

Almost all the faces among K-State's skill position players on offense should look familiar. But Brooks and Hmielewski are the only returning starters on the line.

"This," Snyder said, "stands at the top of our list (of concerns): depth on the offensive line."

The big question is who will replace All-Big Eight center Quentin Neujahr. The answer appears to be sophomore Jason Johnson, who started his career at tight end and switched to center in the spring of 1993. He's the fastest offensive lineman on the team, but he has rarely played. Sophomore starting guards Ross Greenwood and Chris Oltmanns have little experience, too.

That could create problems for senior quarterback Chad May, last year's savior. He threw for a school record 2,682 yards last season, third-highest in Big Eight history. And he set a league record for passing yards in a game with 489 against Nebraska.

"Chad May is the second coming of Jim McMahon without the shades," said Dave Thomas of *NFL Draft Report*. "Right now, the scouts have him rated as the third best quarterback in the country."

There's a problem at backup, though, where there is no experience. Junior Matt Miller, a transfer from Texas A&M, took most of the snaps during the spring as Snyder tried to develop him.

At running back, K-State also has just one proven player: Smith, a senior who rushed for 133 yards in the Copper Bowl. He was the only player in the Big Eight last season with more than 700 yards rushing and 200 receiving.

K-State usually runs a one-back offense, but the second back, Rod Schiller, who started ahead of Smith at times, injured his knee and probably won't be back.

That leaves junior fullback Dederick Kelly and senior tailback Leon Edwards competing for time behind Smith. At 5-6 and 165 pounds, Edwards has had difficulty breaking arm tackles; he ran for 61 yards on 13 carries all of last year. Kelly has only blocked.

Receiving was a strength last year and should be again, even though third-team All-American Andre Coleman is gone. Sophomore Kevin Lockett, a.k.a. the Baby Faced Assassin, was the nation's top freshman receiver last year and was a regular on ESPN highlights with miracle catches. Junior Mitch Running, the hands guy without speed, also returns, as does senior tight end Brian Rees.

Special teams is a problem as the Wildcats need to replace four-year starting kicker Tate Wright, who tied the school's career scoring record with 196 points. Sophomore walk-on Scott Collins, who has not played in a game since high school, figures to start.

Punter Chad Romano averaged 38.9 yards a kick last year, but had just 21 of 58 punts returned. The jury is still out on who will replace Coleman returning punts.

But for the most part, the players who led the Wildcats to the Copper Bowl are back. The goal is to show they truly belong in the big time.

"We're awfully careful not to approach anything differently," Snyder said.

"It's important for us not to take anything for granted. We still have to do all the little things we did in the past.

"We are by no stretch of the imagination an empire, but we understand how they've all fallen and how that's all started from within." □

COLORADO GRABS

By Phil Grosz

Colorado's 1990 national championship climaxed the Buffalos ascent into the elite of the Big Eight, a place that seemed to be dominated forever by the Oklahoma-Nebraska axis. And while coach Bill McCartney's team hasn't won another national title, it has earned respect and become a perennial bowl team.

The Buffs' new-found prestige is best reflected by their success in recruiting, as they have pulled in the conference's best recruiting class. Colorado put a heavy emphasis on speed, and added a slew of quick-footed youngsters to the Buffalo herd. The overall quality of the class would seem to assure the Buffs of being a serious contender for league honors for the foreseeable future.

The other Big Eight schools didn't exactly embarrass themselves, however. Oklahoma and Nebraska brought in strong classes as always, while Oklahoma State and Kansas helped their programs by adding a solid group. The rest of the league signed some quality athletes as well. Here's a quick look at each team in the league.

COLORADO

The Buffaloes have been able to turn recent on-the-field success into recruiting success nation-wide. So when the Buffaloes coaches come calling, the top recruits are listening. Coach McCartney and Buffalo fans claim this is their school's swiftest recruiting class in history. Heading the list of speed merchants is G&W All-American wide receiver-linebacker Chris Anderson (Texas), running back Marlon Barnes (Tennessee), and All-Americans running back Rafael Cooper (Michigan), linebacker Leon Merritt (Michigan), tight end Clifton Peters (Oklahoma), and wide receiver Leodes Van Buren (California). Cornerback Elton Davis (Colorado) and running back Herchall Troutman, like the aforementioned players, have reported 4.5 or better 40-yard speed.

Much-needed help at linebacker came in the signing of three all-state linebackers, including Terrell Cade (California), Marcus Washington (Colorado), and Tyrone Bussey (Michigan). All-American defensive end Aaron Marshall (Illinois) has speed to play outside linebacker. All-American linemen Mike Lorentz (Colorado) and Coleman Johnson (California) are potential three-year starters.

Running back Lendon Henry (Texas), defensive back Robert Portis (California), and offensive lineman Nick Ziegler are the sleepers. Colorado's only weakness is academics. Bussey, Cooper, Merritt, Troutman, and Washington need to qualify.

OKLAHOMA

The Sooners got themselves back in the top 20 by doing a solid recruiting job in Oklahoma, Texas, and at the juco level. The Sooners' top in-state recruit is All-American tight end Stephen Alexander. He picked the Sooners over Notre Dame, Stanford, and Miami. Other standout recruits included linemen Greg Moyer, Matt McCormick, Martin Chase, Carlos Baker, and Dusty Loveless.

The haul from Texas included defensive back Terry White, offensive lineman Jay Smith, wide receiver Ronnie Burns, quarterback Eric Moore, linebacker Corey Ivy, linebacker Terrance Malone, and defensive line-

TOP PREP TALENT

FRESHMEN OF INFLUENCE ■ FRESHMEN OF INFLUENCE ■ FRESHMEN OF INFLUENCE

NAME	Pos	Ht	Wt	HOMETOWN	SCHOOL
Stephen Alexander	TE	6-4	225	Chickasha, Okla.	Oklahoma
Dave Allen	Ath.	6-4	220	Wynnewood, Okla.	Oklahoma
Ken Barry	RB	6-0	190	St. Louis, Mo.	Notre Dame
Jon Brown	DL	6-4	245	Tulsa, Okla.	Tennessee
Martin Chase	LM	6-3	275	Lawton, Okla.	Oklahoma
Maurice Daniels	RB	5-11	185	Raytown, Mo.	Missouri
Ryan Clement	QB	6-1	200	Denver, Colo.	Miami
Elton Davis	DB	5-11	185	Boulder, Colo.	Colorado
Tim Dwight	RB	5-11	175	Iowa City, Ia.	Iowa
Russell Gaskamp	OL	6-6	285	Weatherford, Okla.	Texas
Ty Goode	WR	6-1	175	Lincoln, Neb.	Notre Dame
Matt Harti	DE/LB	6-3	225	Denver, Colo.	Northwestern
Garrett Johnson	LB	6-3	225	Belleville, Ill.	Illinois
Mike Lorentz	DL	6-4	270	Thornton, Colo.	Colorado
Dusty Loveless	LM	6-3	285	Norman, Okla.	Oklahoma
Jeremy McKinney	OL	6-6	285	Brighton, Colo.	Iowa
Marcus Nash	WR	6-3	185	Edmond, Okla.	Tennessee
Clifton Peters	LB/TE	6-2	220	Pauls Valley, Okla.	Colorado
Cleve Roberts	LM	6-6	265	Buhler, Kan.	Kansas
Diron Robinson	DL	6-4	255	Midwest City, Okla.	Tennessee
Jerame Tuman	TE	6-5	225	Liberal, Kan.	Michigan
Eric Vann	DB	5-10	185	El Dorado, Kan.	Kansas
Brandon Willis	WR/DB	5-9	180	Denver, Colo.	California
Stephen Willis	DB	6-0	205	St. Louis, Mo.	Illinois
Grant Wistrom	DE	6-4	235	Webb City, Mo.	Nebraska

man Barron Tanner. Tanner signed last year with Oklahoma, but didn't qualify.

The jucos who can help this fall are tight end Jason Harman (Highland JC, Kansas), quarterback Garrick McGee (Northeast Oklahoma), and defensive lineman Fred Lewis (Sacramento JC, California). Tight end/defensive end Dale Allen (Oklahoma) is the brother of All-Big Eight freshman running back James Allen. Oklahoma had the No. 2 class in the conference behind Colorado.

NEBRASKA

The fact that Nebraska did not capitalize more effectively on last season's success has to be disappointing to Tom Osborne. The Cornhuskers are third in the Big Eight in overall recruiting. Losing wide receiver Ty Goode, a Nebraskan, to Notre Dame hurt. In-staters the Huskers signed included defensive lineman Ted Butler, linebacker Travis Toline, and offensive lineman Brant Wade. Nebraska's best state was California, where the Huskers landed top players such as defensive back Tray Crayton, offensive lineman Constantine Dumitrescu, tight ends Dorrick Roy and Sheldon Jackson. Missouri supplied defensive end Grant Wistrom, Louisiana provided defensive tackle Jason Wiltz, Florida gave running back Shevin Wiggins, and Minnesota sent running back/defensive back Jay Foreman, the son of ex-Viking running back Chuck Foreman.

Nebraska's best recruit might be running back Brian Knuckles (Coffeyville J.C., Kansas). Running back David Reddick is from Camden's Woodrow Wilson High, the school which produced Mike Rozier, the Huskers' 1983 Heisman Trophy winner and one of their all-time most popular players. Defensive back Eric Warfield (Arkansas) and defensive end Mike Rucker (Missouri) are Nebraska's diamonds in the rough in 1994.

OKLAHOMA STATE

The icing on top of OSU's cake came on national signing day when running back Andre Richardson (Texas) spurned Tennessee for the Cowboys and defensive end Jamal Williams (District of Columbia) chose Stillwater over Iowa and Michigan State. These commitments helped give the Cowboys the fifth best class in the Big Eight. The rest of OSU's top signings came from Texas and the juco ranks.

Texas players of note include wide receivers Tim McNeal and Chris Thompson, linebacker Tarus Rucker, defensive back Bo Springfield, defensive lineman Chris Lewis, twin brothers defensive end Bill and tight end Russell Ensey, and lineman Kevin Carter.

Immediate help from the juco ranks is expected from linebacker James Elliott (Garden CC, Kansas), defensive lineman Alamu Raloy (Fort Scott JC, Kansas), defensive tackle Demetrius Crowder (Northeast Oklahoma), and defensive back Johnny Jones (Northeast Oklahoma). Wide receiver Londell Bright from Michigan is a sleeper with 4.4 speed.

KANSAS

The Jayhawks did their usual solid recruiting job in-state and once again were able to come into Ohio and land some top talent. The Jayhawks' top two in-state recruits are defensive back Eric Vann and offensive lineman Cleve Roberts. Other solid Kansas signings are running back Julius Bruce, defensive lineman Dan Derccher, nose tackle Brett McGraw, linebacker Jason Thoran, and defensive lineman Shawn Vang.

From Ohio came running back Pat Brown and linebacker Lamar Sharpe. Colorado linebacker Steve Bratten chose Kansas over Nebraska. Texas top 50 defensive back Jason Harris picked the Jayhawks over Colorado and Texas A&M, and Missouri quarterback Brian Gray broke Cornhusker hearts when he chose Kansas.

Immediate juco help is expected from defensive linemen Troy Harper (Taft JC, California), Alani Pahulu (Ricks JC, Idaho), Doug Weaver (East Mississippi Junior College), and quarterback Mark Williams (Diablo Valley JC, California). Pahulu and Weaver have an excellent chance to start at defensive tackle this fall.

KANSAS STATE

The Wildcats weren't as successful in-state as Kansas and landed just two players of note in defensive back Marion Charles and linebacker Travis Ochs. Most of K-State's success came in Missouri and Texas. From the Show-Me State, the 'Cats signed defensive back David Conley, and linemen Joseph Haynes, Jeremy Martin, and Ryan Young. All were Missouri top 25 selections.

Texas gave the Wildcats tight end/defensive end Jerome Evans, considered by some to be a top 10

player among Lone Star State prospects. Immediate help is expected from juco transfers defensive tackle Ray Eagle (Garden City JC, Kansas), wide receiver Jimmy Dean, Butler JC, Kansas, defensive back Gordon Brown (Hutchinson JC, Kansas), and Tennessee transfer John Martin.

MISSOURI

Former Southern California coach Larry Smith was named the Missouri head football coach very late in the recruiting season. Smith and his staff had just five weeks to bring in the newest batch of Tigers, so they hit the ground running and came up with a surprisingly good haul of recruits.

Missouri running back Maurice Daniels picked the Tigers over Kansas and Nebraska. Virginia wide receiver Eric Jones spurned Virginia Tech and North Carolina State to sign with Missouri. Former Missouri all-state running back Kenyatta Williams is transferring from Indiana.

Offensive lineman Brian Woessner of Minnesota picked Missouri over Nebraska and Iowa. Defensive back Stevonne Wortham (Michigan) chose Mizzou over Michigan State and Indiana.

IOWA STATE

Cyclone fans are calling this year's class their best ever, but it still might be the worst in the Big Eight. Running back Troy Davis (Florida) is the star of this class. Davis rushed for 2,200 yards and 34 touchdowns last fall and picked the Cyclones over FSU and Miami. He still must qualify.

Other ISU signees of note include offensive lineman Charles Bogwill (Illinois), defensive end Mitchell Brocata (Louisiana), defensive back Leapher Castle-

berry (Florida), linebacker Kip King (Texas), quarterback Corey Lambert (Texas), offensive lineman Jim Tusco (Missouri), and wide receiver Ed Williams (Florida). There is some definite skill talent in this class, but Iowa State took some chances on kids that failed to qualify. □

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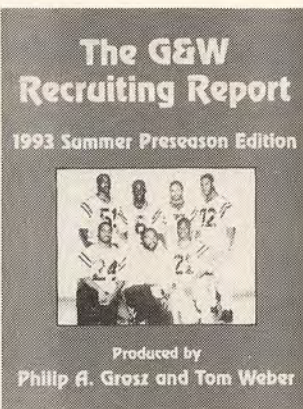
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AT NEBRASKA, THE BEAT GOES ON...

by Vahe Gregorian

Automatons, they call the Nebraska Cornhuskers. They are corn-fueled, plodding robots, just dandy at bullying their Big Eight Conference brethren, but incapable of adjusting to more sophisticated football.

That's what the rap was on Nebraska before last season's Orange Bowl, when the 'Huskers were 17-1/2 point underdogs against mythically-hyped Florida State. And that will be the rap on Nebraska again this season.

So what if Nebraska's program continues to expand its mind-boggling records for consistency: 25 successive seasons of nine wins or more; 32 consecutive winning seasons; 206 successive weeks in the *Associated Press* poll, 195 successive sellouts.

And never mind that the Cornhuskers were a field goal away from defeating the Seminoles, that they outgained Florida State 389 yards to 333. Many dismissed the effort as a fluke.

Fine. But be advised: Huskers' coach Tom Osborne, a notorious fussybudget and public pessimist, is gushing about his '94 team.

Relatively speaking, that is.

"We have a chance to have a better team coming up," said Osborne, whose parting thought on spring practice was, "We have to find a good holder."

Yes, Nebraska must replace 29 seniors — including game-breaking defender Trev Alberts — and junior I-back Calvin Jones, who left early for the National Football League after becoming only the second player to lead the league in scoring three years in a row.

But Nebraska — again — is trumpeting its offensive line as perhaps the best ever, the troublesome receiving corps returns intact, sophomore Lawrence Phillips seems ready to replace Jones, and versatile quarterback Tommie Frazier has blossomed into one of the nation's most dangerous players.

On defense, Osborne considers cornerbacks Barron Miles and Tyrone Williams "probably as good as we've ever had." Nebraska is strong in its line and linebacking, although depth is a concern. So, for a change, is the schedule. Nebraska faces seven bowl teams this season, including West Virginia, Texas Tech, UCLA, and Wyoming.

It also will have to contend with a conference that is becoming

LINDY'S CONFERENCE FORECAST

- 1. NEBRASKA** — The Cornhuskers have respect ... want the national championship.
- 2. COLORADO** — The Buffaloes have the talent, however contest an awesome schedule.
- 3. OKLAHOMA** — The Sooners rushing attack will rank with the best. The defense?
- 4. KANSAS** — Coach Glen Mason continues the program's upward movement.
- 5. KANSAS STATE** — A solid cast of leaders and favorable schedule will assist Wildcats.
- 6. MISSOURI** — The Tigers have new leadership and attitude. Mizzou could surprise.
- 7. OKLAHOMA STATE** — Coach Pat Jones continues his miracle in Stillwater. How does he win?
- 8. IOWA STATE** — Bye Jim Walden.

downright competitive. Oklahoma appears ready to re-emerge, Kansas and Kansas State are solid, Missouri could be ready for its first winning season in a decade, and pesky Iowa State always has potential for the upset. But no one will give the 'Huskers more fits than Colorado, which also has legitimate national ambitions.

"It could prove to be one of the most closely contested league races in recent years," said Colorado coach Bill McCartney, who puts Nebraska in red letters on CU's schedule each season.

Despite a disappointing 8-3-1 finish in 1993, Colorado's 47-10-4 record since 1989 is the seventh best in the nation. McCartney says his offensive and defensive lines will "be of a high quality."

Many believe the defensive line, led by tackle Shannon Clavelle, will be the nation's best. Quarterback Kordell Stewart, tailback Rashaan Salaam, and wingback Michael Westbrook are splendid talents, and free safety Chris Hudson might be the league's best defender.

Colorado, which averaged 240 yards on the ground and 230 passing last season, also will have to deal with a trying schedule. The Buffs take on Northeast Louisiana and Wisconsin before taking to the road for three successive games — at Michigan, Texas, and Missouri — for the first time in 22 years.

Oklahoma, no longer stifled by the effects of NCAA probation, rebounded from its worst season since 1965 to go 9-3 last season and register its first victory over a top 10 team (Texas A&M) since 1987. Coach Gary Gibbs, though, still is just 2-12-1 against OU's three biggest rivals: Texas, Nebraska, and Colorado. But the Sooners, with former Arizona State quarterback Garrick McGee the likely replacement for Cale Gundy, return eight starters on both sides of the ball. And Gibbs has more depth than he has ever had in six seasons.

"Anywhere you look on this team, we have serious competition going on for starting positions," Gibbs said. "Two years ago, we were just trying to keep enough players on the field to practice."

Kansas coach Glen Mason knows the feeling. Although KU won at least five games for the third successive year for the first time since the early '60s, the Jayhawks dipped to 5-7 after earning an Aloha Bowl berth in 1992. Seven KU opponents went to bowls, and Kansas was the only team that played each of the national championship opponents.

But much of Kansas' apparent decline can be attributed to 27 players missing 141 man-games with injuries. Things got so bad that after a 41-16 loss to Utah, Mason cringed when he heard a phone ringing nearby.

"That's probably my wife calling to say she's leaving me," he said. "I hope the dog doesn't bite me when I go home."

Because of the ill-fated 1993 season, though, Kansas appears well-equipped for 1994. Forty-seven lettermen return, including 29 who have started at least one game. Quarterback Asheiki Preston grew after a rough baptism, and tailback June Henley set Big Eight freshman rushing records with 1,127 yards and 12 touchdowns.

Kansas State had its best season in 83 years, going to a bowl game for just the second time in school history, and distinguishing itself with a 52-17 romp over Wyoming. Those aren't the only dramatic numbers around the once-moribund program: K-State is 12-0-1 in its last 13 home games and 21-2-1 at home since 1990. The Wildcats will return 97.9 percent of its rushing yards and 100 percent of its passing, which came by the surprisingly capable hand of first-team All-Big Eight quarterback Chad May. Fifteen starters return — and 10 of those earned some type of Big Eight honor. Since coach Bill Snyder arrived at Kansas State, the Wildcats are 27-28-1. In the 56 games before he arrived, K-State was 6-48-2.

K-State, though, will be challenged to adequately replace four starters in the defensive secondary. Missouri, predicted by most Big Eight coaches to be the most improved team in the conference last season, got off to a promising start with a 31-3 dismantling of Illinois. But the course of the season was irrevocably changed a week later as the Tigers were humiliated 73-0 at Texas A&M. MU finished 3-7-1, coach Bob Stull was dismissed, and deposed USC coach Larry Smith was ushered in. Mizzou has talent, and Smith insists he intends to win immediately.

Oklahoma State, jackhammered by NCAA probation, went winless in 1991 and tried the quick fix by bringing in 24 junior college players. The results: a winless Big Eight season in 1993 and just 59 players in spring camp.

"Numbers are very much a concern at this point," coach Pat Jones said.

Quick — what team was second in rushing in the Big Eight in 1993? That would be Iowa State, 11th in the nation with an average of 242.5 yards, thanks to nifty triple-option quarterback Todd Doxzon and a stable of fine backs. The team's 4.6 yard rushing average was the second best in 101 years of Iowa State football.

"The ponies have grown up," coach Jim Walden said. "They're stallions now. I just say to myself, 'How can you have this many good running backs?'"

The Cyclones return nine starters on offense and 10 on defense, and could be headed for their first winning season since 1989. □

LINDY'S 1994 All-Big 8

OFFENSE

FIRST TEAM

QB	Chad May	Kansas State	6-2	215	Senior
RB	James Allen	Oklahoma	6-1	207	Sophomore
RB	June Henley	Kansas	5-11	190	Sophomore
WR	Kevin Lockett	Kansas	6-0	165	Sophomore
WR	Michael Westbrook	Colorado	6-4	210	Senior
TE	Chrisitan Fauria	Colorado	6-4	235	Senior
OT	Tony Berti	Colorado	6-6	270	Senior
OT	Zach Wiegert	Nebraska	6-5	300	Senior
C	Tony Booth	Iowa State	6-3	282	Senior
OG	John Jones	Kansas	6-1	285	Senior
OG	Brendan Stai	Nebraska	6-4	300	Senior
PK	Scott Blanton	Oklahoma	6-2	223	Senior

SECOND TEAM

QB	Tommie Frazier	Nebraska	6-2	200	Junior
RB	Lawrence Phillips	Nebraska	6-2	200	Sophomore
RB	Rashaan Salaam	Colorado	6-1	210	Junior
WR	Brian Saltee	Missouri	6-3	202	Senior
WR	Abdul Muhammed	Nebraska	5-9	160	Senior
TE	Brian Rees	Kansas State	6-5	245	Senior
OT	Barrett Brooks	Kansas State	6-5	285	Senior
OT	Rob Zatechka	Nebraska	6-5	300	Senior
C	Bryan Stollenberg	Colorado	6-2	265	Junior
OG	Hessley Hempstead	Kansas	6-1	295	Senior
OG	Heath Irwin	Colorado	6-5	285	Junior
PK	Ty Stewart	Iowa State	5-11	180	Senior

DEFENSE

FIRST TEAM

DL	Shannon Clavelle	Colorado	6-3	270	Senior
DL	Darrell Harbert	Kansas State	6-1	280	Senior
DL	Kerry Hicks	Colorado	6-6	260	Junior
DL	Jevon Langford	Oklahoma State	6-4	225	Sophomore
LB	Dwayne Harris	Nebraska	6-2	220	Senior
LB	Ted Johnson	Colorado	6-4	240	Senior
LB	Ed Stewart	Nebraska	6-1	215	Senior
DB	Tony Blevins	Kansas	6-1	170	Sophomore
DB	Larry Bush	Oklahoma	5-10	191	Junior
DB	Darrius Johnson	Oklahoma	5-9	179	Junior
DB	Baron Miles	Nebraska	5-8	160	Senior
P	Marc Harris	Iowa State	5-11	182	Sophomore

SECOND TEAM

DL	Shannon Clavelle	Colorado	6-3	270	Senior
DL	Tim Colston	Kansas State	6-1	255	Junior
DL	Terry Connealy	Nebraska	6-5	275S	enior
DL	Cedric Jones	Oklahoma	6-4	288	Junior
DL	Sylvester Wright	Kansas	6-2	250	Senior
LB	Don Davis	Kansas	6-4	215	Senior
LB	Matt Russell	Colorado	6-4	235	Sophomore
LB	Darryl Major	Missouri	6-2	238	Senior
DB	Kevin Fulton	Iowa State	6-1	204	Senior
DB	Cedric Linwood	Iowa State	5-10	187	Senior
DB	Kevin McIntosh	Missouri	6-0	175	Senior
DB	Adrian White	Missouri	6-1	198	Senior
P	Kyle Pooler	Missouri	6-0	193	Senior

CORNHUSKERS' FRAZIER LEADS QUARTERBACKS

Buffaloes Have Great Potential

By Vahe Gregorian

QUARTERBACKS

1 NEBRASKA: The world might not have known Tommie Frazier before the Cornhuskers' amazing run through the 1993 football season, but everybody knows him now. After almost shooting down Florida State and winning a national championship, Frazier may be the best known quarterback returning in the nation. He is the ultimate leader. The backup cast has potential, however, lacks experience.

2 KANSAS STATE: The Wildcats are back, and one of the reasons is the play of quarterback Chad May. May is the school's best in decades. The Wildcats have secured solid prospects in recent years. May is the latest, and the best. He should have another outstanding year.

3 COLORADO: If Kordell Stewart and Koy Detmer play up to their potential, the Buffaloes could rank No. 1 in the Big Eight and could rate No. 1 nationally. But that is the question. Will Stewart and Detmer play up to their potential? Bill McCartney certainly hopes so.

4 MISSOURI: Jeff Handy has "natural" ability as a passer. How will he adapt to the new coaching staff? If he is comfortable, the Tigers are set. The supporting cast of signal-callers are solid.

5 OKLAHOMA: The Sooners are loaded with prospects, however, short on proven commodities. Garrick McGee is the starter, but he's been out of football since transferring from Arizona State. He's got impressive talent. Terence Brown could also figure into the picture if McGee shows too much rust.

6 IOWA STATE: The Cyclones enjoy a solid and diversified cast with Todd Duxon and Robby Duncan listed as 1-2.

7 OKLAHOMA STATE: The Cowboys lack a difference-maker, yet boast a few intriguing prospects. Toné Jones will take the first snaps with Mark Wilson waiting in reserve.

8 KANSAS: Where's Bobby Douglas? Gone, but not forgotten. Instead, Asheiki Preston will be the man under center.

coaching staff intends to focus on rushing game.

5 KANSAS STATE: The Wildcats "no-name" cast of J. J. Smith and Leon Edwards is productive and reliable. Bill Snyder is comfortable going into the season with this tandem. Injuries could be a worry, however.

6 IOWA STATE: This unit ranks as the Cyclones offensive strength. Calvin Branch had 478 yards rushing last season, and should easily surpass that this year. Jim Knott is a solid fullback.

7 MISSOURI: Loads of potential. Coach Larry Smith is looking for offensive balance and feels good about the rushing end of the offense. The Tigers will be able to rush the football.

8 OKLAHOMA STATE: Where's Terry Miller? Thurman Thomas? How about Barry Sanders? The school's lineage of great backs is on the line. David Thompson is the leading returning rusher while Geoff Grenier will hold down the fullback spot.



MICHAEL WESTBROOK, WIDE RECEIVER, COLORADO

WIDE RECEIVERS

1 OKLAHOMA: When a hot-shot high school receiver started to think about college, Oklahoma was never the first school that popped into his mind in the past, but Cale Gundy has changed all that. The Sooners put the ball in the air often under offensive coordinator Watson Brown, and when they do, a host of great receivers are around to catch it. This year's edition could prove to be the school's finest. The combination of size, speed, and strength is impressive. Remember the names Jajuan Penny, P. J. Mills, and Albert Hall. They are poised for a big, big season.

2 COLORADO: The pressure of Michael Westbrook and Christian Favleu justifies high ranking. The backup corps has loads of

talent. Look for the Buffaloes to be a force throwing the football.

3 KANSAS: This is a projection: The Jayhawks have a plethora of skilled athletes, however they lack consistency. If they put together a solid season, this will be a good receiving corps.

4 KANSAS STATE: A solid cast of tight ends in Brian Rees and Brian Lojka and Kevin Lockett provides QB Chad May a top flight group.

5 NEBRASKA: Speed is the operative word with this cast, but that's nothing new at Nebraska. Speed is a Cornhusker tradition. Split end Reggie Baul is sure-handed. Wingback Abdul Muhammad is swift. Tight end Matt Shaw is tough.

6 MISSOURI: The starting corps is solid, if not spectacular. However, the Tigers might lack some solid backups.

7 OKLAHOMA STATE: Fact is, the Cowboys receiving corps is solid, however, the lack of commitment to a passing game certainly hinders production and keeps the individual numbers down.

8 IOWA STATE: The Cyclones will run the ball. The receivers don't figure in often, except to block and decoy

RUNNING BACKS

1 OKLAHOMA: Wow! OU has re-stocked its stable of runners. That should come as no surprise. It seems the Sooners can always roll out potential All-American running backs. James Allen and Jerold Moore are awesome. OU's fullbacks also rank with the elite.

2 NEBRASKA: Lawrence Phillips and Damon Benning assure a top-notch rushing attack, and both are just sophomores. Corey Schlesinger is solid at fullback with Jeff Makovicka in reserve.

3 KANSAS: June Henley: enough said. The Jayhawks ground game will be impressive.

4 COLORADO: Rashaan Salaam and Vance Joseph carry the load. The Buffaloes boast speed, however, lack consistent production. The Buff's

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

1 NEBRASKA: The Cornhuskers offensive front could prove to be the nation's finest. But what else is new? The Cornhuskers always have big, strong, offensive linemen to knock defenses back on their heels. The interior cast has uncharted potential, the tackles are dominant. Depth is a strength.

2 COLORADO: The starting lineup has the right stuff, as usual. The Buff's offensive trenchmen improved dramatically as pass blockers last season and should get more opportunities to hone those skills this season. Tackles Tony Berti and Derek West are solid senior starters. Guard Heath Irwin and center Bryan Stoltenberg have worlds of experience.

3 KANSAS: A key to the resurgence of the KU program has been significant improvements in the offensive front. The interior line has fabulous talent and depth. It was a young, talented line last season. This season it is an experienced, talented line.

4 OKLAHOMA: The Sooners have a solid starting cast, however, they lack the depth to rank higher. This cast is superb at blocking for the run, but still is learning to effectively pass-block. They are learning, however, as Cale Gundy's passing numbers last season will attest.

5 KANSAS STATE: The Wildcats boast a fundamentally sound group, however, lacks depth and experience. The tackles are both seniors, Barrett Brooks and Jim Hmielewski, and they should provide leadership for the interior of the line, which will be comprised of three sophomores, center Jason Johnson and guards Chris Oltmanns and Ross Greenwood.

6 IOWA STATE: The Cyclones have a penchant for fielding a big strong group, and this year will be no exception. Three seniors will be spread across the front, and that makes coach Jim Walden feel comfortable. This cast is best suited for run blocking.

7 OKLAHOMA STATE: This will rank as one of the Cowboys weaknesses. Fact is, the Cowboys won't regain the elite until the offensive front improves. Senior right guard Alan Orts will need to provide the leadership. The rest of the line is young, young, young.

8 MISSOURI: The Tigers once boasted a superb cast. In fact, Mizzou provided numerous NFL prospects through much of the '70s and '80s. Now the school lacks Division I-A prospects. This will be one of Larry Smith's first rebuilding challenges.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

1 COLORADO: The Buffs are big, strong, talented, and experienced. Shannon Clavette has All-American potential. Middle man Kerry Hicks has All-Pro potential. The supporting cast is solid.

2 KANSAS STATE: This cast could prove the school's finest in history. The defensive end are top of the line and the interior linemen are deep and experienced. This group rates as the team strength.

3 NEBRASKA: The Cornhuskers starting units has the necessary ingredients for success — size, strength, and talent. The 'Huskers backups have talent, yet lack the experience to rank higher.

4 OKLAHOMA STATE: The Cowboys starting unit is top-notch. The backups are mediocre. Injuries could prove to be troublesome.

5 OKLAHOMA: The Sooners lineage of dominant defensive linemen may have come to an end.

6 KANSAS: The Jayhawks have a plethora of good looking prospects that simply need experience.

7 MISSOURI: No depth, lack of difference-makers, and poor coaching in the past, leaves this unit in bad shape. The coaching change will benefit this group, eventually.

8 IOWA STATE: The cast ranks as the team's weak link defensively.

LINEBACKERS

1 NEBRASKA: The school, seemingly, has an All-American linebacker candidate every season. But things do change. That's not the case this year.

The speed and depth of this unit is impressive.

2 KANSAS: If healthy, this cast could rank with the nation's best. The Jayhawks' backers are active, physical, and generally show up on game day with a real bad attitude toward anyone wearing opposite colors.

3 COLORADO: The Buffs lack the numbers to rank higher, however, the starting cast is impressive. Depth could be a problem if the backups don't progress.

4 OKLAHOMA: The Sooners also have a solid front-line group, but could run into problems if the injury bug hits Norman. Backups have some talent, as you would expect out of Oklahoma, but just not enough playing time to be dependable, yet.

5 MISSOURI: The Tigers have an underrated group of linebackers keyed by Darryl Majors. With improvement from the supporting cast, this unit could rank higher by the end of the season.

6 IOWA STATE: The Cyclones have a respectable cast, however, lack the big hitters to be difference-makers.

7 KANSAS STATE: This is beginning to sound like a broken record, but the starting group is solid, however, there is little in reserve.

8 OKLAHOMA STATE: Mediocre is the operative word in

discussing this group. The Cowboys need some help through some strong recruiting classes.



P.J. MILLS, WIDE RECEIVER, OKLAHOMA

DEFENSIVE BACKS

1 OKLAHOMA: Yes, believe it. The Sooners top the list. This cast is underrated and should vastly improve. Darrius Johnson could be the nation's most underrated all-purpose player.

2 COLORADO: The Buffaloes starting foursome is solid and reliable. The Buffs have top-notch speed led by Chris Hudson, who has a penchant for making big plays and putting a smile on coach Bill McCartney's face.

3 NEBRASKA: The 'Huskers defensive backs are superb run supporters, however, they must improve in pass coverage on a consistent basis.

4 MISSOURI: The Tigers defensive backs were surprisingly solid last season, but could improve even more this year under the new coaching staff. By the end of the season this could be a very good group.

5 KANSAS: The group has big-time potential. They are fast, sure-handed, and know how to deliver a hit when a receiver ventures into their territory.

6 IOWA STATE: The Cyclones safeties are excellent. The cornerbacks are talented. The only problem facing this group has been consistency.

7 OKLAHOMA STATE: The Cowboys field a solid starting cast with a poor supporting cast.

8 KANSAS STATE: The Wildcats lose its leaders in the secondary and have suspect returnees.



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A Quarterbacks

☐ A1 W. Moon, MIN	472
☐ A2 J. Kelly, BUF	438
☐ A3 J. Elway, DEN	543
☐ A4 S. Young, S.F.	597
☐ A5 D. Marino, MIA	166
☐ A6 B. Favre, G.B.	451
☐ A7 T. Aikman, DAL	397
☐ A8 R. Cunningham, PHI	126

B Quarterbacks

☐ B1 C. Erickson, T.B.	404
☐ B2 S. Beuerlein, PHO	400
☐ B3 P. Simms, NYG	381
☐ B4 N. O'Donnell, PIT	401
☐ B5 J. Hostetler, RAI	439
☐ B6 R. Mirer, SEA	392
☐ B7 B. Hebert, U/S	421
☐ B8 B. Esiason, NYJ	438

C Runningbacks

☐ C1 T. Thomas, BUF	199
☐ C2 B. Sanders, DET	146
☐ C3 E. Smith, DAL	239
☐ C4 J. Bettis, LAR	201
☐ C5 R. Walters, S.F.	185
☐ C6 B. Foster, PIT	137
☐ C7 M. Allen, K.C.	174
☐ C8 L. Russell, N.E.	167

D Runningbacks

☐ D1 C. Warren, SEA	151
☐ D2 R. Hampton, NYG	153
☐ D3 E. Pegram, ATL	163
☐ D4 G. Brown, HOU	164
☐ D5 T. Kirby, MIA	156
☐ D6 R. Brooks, WAS	139
☐ D7 R. Moore, PHO	147
☐ D8 E. Bennett, G.B.	150

E Receivers

☐ E1 S. Sharpe, G.B.	182
☐ E2 A. Miller, S.D.	151
☐ E3 A. Rison, ATL	199
☐ E4 J. Rice, S.F.	236
☐ E5 M. Irvin, DAL	168
☐ E6 T. Brown, RAI	158
☐ E7 A. Reed, BUF	117
☐ E8 C. Carter, MIN	152

F Receivers

☐ F1 W. Davis, K.C.	125
☐ F2 J. Taylor, S.F.	120
☐ F3 H. Moore, DET	123
☐ F4 R. Langhorne, IND	118
☐ F5 I. Fryar, MIA	126
☐ F6 E. Givins, HOU	109
☐ F7 M. Jackson, CLE	115
☐ F8 R. Proehl, PHO	126

G Receivers

☐ G1 W. Slaughter, HOU	115
☐ G2 C. Williams, PHI	122
☐ G3 B. Brooks, BUF	99
☐ G4 M. Ingram, MIA	107
☐ G5 E. Martin, N.O.	110
☐ G6 A. Harper, DAL	102
☐ G7 H. Jeffries, HOU	105
☐ G8 C. Hawkins, T.B.	108

H Kickers

☐ H1 E. Murray, DAL	122
☐ H2 C. Jacke, G.B.	128
☐ H3 M. Anderson, N.O.	117
☐ H4 J. Hanson, DET	130
☐ H5 J. Carney, S.D.	124
☐ H6 J. Jaeger, RAI	132
☐ H7 A. Del Greco, HOU	126
☐ H8 G. Anderson, PIT	116

I Sacks

☐ I1 S. Fletcher, DEN	135
☐ I2 R. Jackson, N.O.	115
☐ I3 L. O'Neal, S.D.	120
☐ I4 R. Dent, CHI	135
☐ I5 B. Smith, BUF	145
☐ I6 R. White, G.B.	130
☐ I7 C. Doleman, MIN	135
☐ I8 N. Smith, K.C.	150

J Interceptions

☐ J1 E. Allen, PHI	110
☐ J2 N. Odomes, BUF	90
☐ J3 E. Robinson, SEA	110
☐ J4 R. Woodson, PIT	110
☐ J5 M. Robertson, HOU	70
☐ J6 B. Washington, NYJ	70
☐ J7 L. Butler, G.B.	70
☐ J8 K. Smith, DAL	70

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Following is an alphabetical listing of preseason position-by-position ratings for all 107 NCAA Division I-A teams by John Hadley, *Lindy's* Senior College Football Editor, using a standard A-B-C-D-F grading scale. These ratings offer an additional evaluation of the nation's top teams. Hadley's ratings may differ from those of the regional writers. Here's an explanation of the rating scale: A—excellent starters and depth; B—above average starters and depth; C—adequate starters and depth; D—below average starters and depth; F—poor starters and no depth.

Key to abbreviations: QB—quarterbacks; RB—running backs and fullbacks; WR—wide receivers (tight ends are included for passing teams); OL—offensive line; DL—defensive line; LB—linebackers; DB—defensive backs; KG—kicking game (includes kickers along with return and coverage units).

SCHOOL	QB	RB	WR	OL	DL	LB	DB	KG	SCHOOL	QB	RB	WR	OL	DL	LB	DB	KG
AIR FORCE	C	C	C-	C-	C-	C-	C	C-	NEVADA-LAS VEGAS	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
AKRON	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	NEW MEXICO	C+	C-	C-	D	D+	C-	D	C
ALABAMA	B	B	C+	C+	B+	C+	B	B	NEW MEXICO STATE	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
ARIZONA	B-	B-	C	B-	B+	B-	A-	B+	NORTH CAROLINA	B-	A	C	C+	C	B-	C	C
ARIZONA STATE	B-	C	C+	C+	C	C	C	C+	NORTH CAROLINA STATE	B-	C	C	C	C+	C	C+	C+
ARKANSAS	C+	B-	C	C	C+	C	C+	C+	NORTHEAST LOUISIANA	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
ARKANSAS STATE	D	C	D	D	D	D	D	D	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
ARMY	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	NORTHWESTERN	D	C	D	D	D	D	D	C-
AUBURN	C	C+	B-	B-	B-	C+	B-	B-	NOTRE DAME	B	A	B	C+	B-	B-	C+	C
BALL STATE	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	OHIO UNIVERSITY	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
BAYLOR	C	C	C-	C+	B-	C	C	C+	OHIO STATE	B-	C+	B+	C	C+	B	B-	B-
BOSTON COLLEGE	C	B-	A	B-	B-	C+	B-	C	OKLAHOMA	C	A	B	B-	C	C+	B-	B-
BOWLING GREEN STATE	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	OKLAHOMA STATE	C	C	C	C-	C+	C	C-	C+
BRIGHTON	B	B-	C	C+	C+	C	C+	C	OREGON	B-	C+	C	C	C-	C	B	C
CALIFORNIA	A-	B-	C+	C	C+	B-	C+	C	OREGON STATE	C+	B-	C	C	C-	C-	C+	C
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	PACIFIC	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
CINCINNATI	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	PENN STATE	B-	A-	A-	B-	C	C+	C	C+
CLEMSON	C+	B-	C	C	C+	B+	B-	B	PITTSBURGH	C-	C	C+	C+	C	C	D	C-
COLORADO	B	C+	B	B+	B+	C+	B-	C+	PURDUE	C	B-	C-	C	C	C+	D	C
COLORADO STATE	C	C	C	C	C-	C	C	C	RICE	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
DUKE	C+	C	D	D	D	D	C-	C-	RUTGERS	C	B+	C	C	C+	C	D	C
EAST CAROLINA	C+	B-	C	C	C-	C	C	C	SAN DIEGO STATE	C+	C+	C+	C	C+	D	D	C-
EASTERN MICHIGAN	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	SAN JOSE STATE	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
FLORIDA	A-	B-	B-	A	A	B-	B+	B	SOUTH CAROLINA	B-	C+	B-	C+	C+	C	C	B-
FLORIDA STATE	A-	A	B+	A	B	A	B+	A	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	B	B-	C	C+	C	B-	C	C
FRESNO STATE	C	C	A-	C	C	C	C	C	SOUTHERN METHODIST	C	C	C	D	D	D	C	C
GEORGIA	A	C+	C+	C+	C+	C+	C	B-	SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
GEORGIA TECH	C+	C	C	B-	C-	B-	C+	C	SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
HAWAII	D	C-	C	D	C-	C-	C	C	STANFORD	B	C+	B-	C	C	C	C	B
HOUSTON	C	C	C+	C	C-	D	C-	C	SYRACUSE	C	B	C	C+	C	C	C	C
ILLINOIS	B-	C+	C	C+	C+	A+	B-	C+	TEMPLE	D+	C	C+	D-	D-	C-	D-	D
INDIANA	C	C	C	C	D	C	C	C+	TENNESSEE	C+	A-	C+	A+	C	B-	B-	A-
IOWA	C-	C	C+	C+	D	C	C	C+	TEXAS	B-	C+	A	B+	B-	C+	B-	C+
IOWA STATE	C	C	C-	C	C	C	C	C	TEXAS A&M	C+	A+	C+	C+	C	B-	B-	C+
KANSAS	C	C+	C+	C+	C	C+	C	C	TEXAS CHRISTIAN	C+	C+	C	C	C+	C+	C	C
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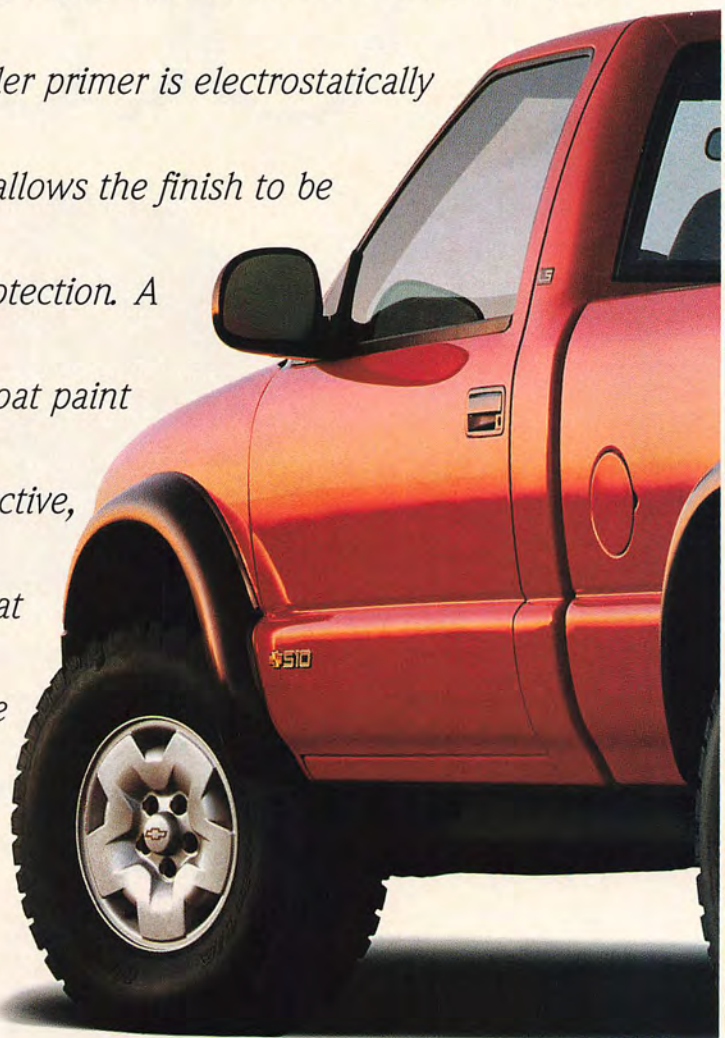
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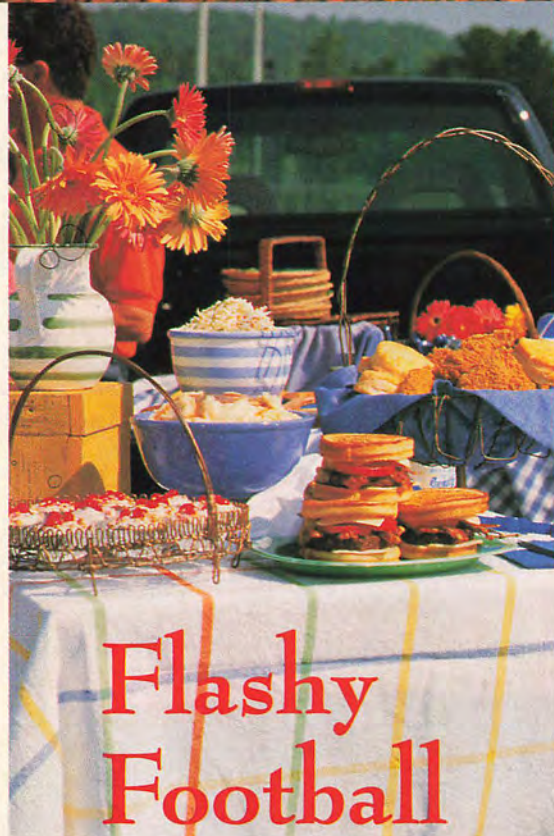
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- 3 eggs
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- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- $1\frac{1}{4}$ cups flaked coconut
- Green food coloring
- Foil-wrapped chocolate candy footballs



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Grate rind for orange; set aside. Squeeze juice from orange. Add water to fresh orange juice to equal $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups. Combine raisins, 1 cup flaked coconut, and reserved grated orange rind in the container of a food processor; top with cover. With processor running, slowly pour $\frac{3}{4}$ cup orange juice mixture through food chute; process until raisins are finely minced. (Do not drain.)

Combine cake mix, vegetable oil, eggs, minced raisin-coconut mixture, and remaining orange juice mixture in a large bowl; beat at low speed with an electric mixer until moistened. Increase speed to high, and continue to beat an additional 2 minutes. Pour batter into a greased and floured 13-x 9- x 2-inch baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until cake springs back when lightly touched in center. Cool completely on a wire rack.

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- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- Cherry Cheese Topping (recipe follows)
- 2 tablespoons chopped pecans or walnuts
- 1 tablespoon sugar

Combine first 6 ingredients in a large bowl; stir well. Make a well in the center of dry ingredients; add buttermilk, vegetable oil, vanilla extract, and egg. Stir with a wire whisk until batter is

smooth. Divide batter evenly among muffin cups lined with paper or foil liners. Spoon Cherry Cheese Topping over chocolate batter; sprinkle with pecans and 1 tablespoon sugar.

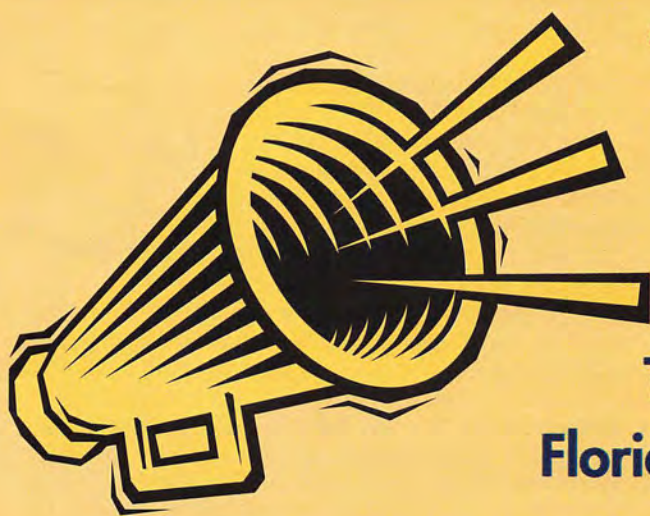
Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool 5 minutes; remove from pan, and cool completely. Yield: 12 cupcakes.

Cherry Cheese Topping:

- 24 maraschino cherries, quartered
- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar
- 1 egg

Combine all ingredients in a small bowl; stir vigorously with a wooden spoon until blended. Yield: about 1 cup.

NATIONAL RECRUITING



The Rich Get Richer

Tennessee, Southern Cal, and Florida State Land Loads of Talent

By Allen Wallace



For the second year in a row, the Vols won the SEC recruiting title, but this year they really did it up big. They won the whole enchilada. The Big Kahuna. National Recruiting Champs. They didn't finish strong (no tight end signed) but so what! Every class had weaknesses this year, but the Vols had fewer than anybody else. They recruited great strength to the passing game. Jarvis Reado from Marrero, LA., the nation's best offensive lineman, is amazing. The Vols also found success in Oklahoma in Edmond wide receiver Marcus Nash, another amazing catch. Why the success? "It was those beautiful mountains," said Reado. Not really. Real reasons: Fulmer, Fulmer, Fulmer, as in Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee's head coach. He's a coach who is involved in the recruiting process and has the personal characteristics to make the difference. The other good news on the Vol recruiting front: Neyland Stadium will be a natural grass field this season.

The biggest challenge the Trojans faced as letter-of-intent day approached was keeping all the horses in the corral. Would California running back Rodney Sermons stay in the fold with so many other runners? Would defensive lineman Antoine Simpson come to USC or decide to stay in Texas and sign with the Longhorns in view of San Diego defensive lineman Darrell Russell's commitment to the Trojans? They all stayed, and that includes 10 junior college transfers, four of whom were enrolled for spring ball. The Trojans expanded their horizons by going as far as Florida for two of their signees, a distinct change in philosophy. They were resilient and lucky as well. When John Robinson couldn't convince quarterback Scott Covington (Miami) to sign, he went into Division 1-AA ranks for Brad Otton of Weber State, who threw for 2,307 yards and 15 touchdowns. Brad was headed to WSU until other Cougar quarterbacks raised a stink. Keep your eye on Burbank linebacker Willie Perryman, who missed six games with a knee injury, but has the look of someone on the quick climb.



For the first time since 1988, the Seminoles did not sign a tailback. They also didn't sign a quarterback, but the signing of Thad Busby last year, along with 25 other prospects, left them both low on numbers as well as needs this year. Only 45 prospects took official visits. So, Bobby Bowden picked his spots and came up with headliners like Florida linebacker Lamont Green and Demetro Stephens from Sandersville, GA. Louisiana defensive back Robert Hammond, like Green, is considered the best in the country at his position. Top athlete Samari Rolle was the MVP for the Dade County All-Star game. FSU signed five players from Miami, but that has nothing to do with their victory over the Hurricanes last year. Green, from Miami Southridge, was leaning toward Tallahassee before the '93 season even started.

When you can lose in-state backs like Rafael Cooper and Leon Merritt to Colorado and still come up with Detroit's Chris Floyd and Louisiana's Chris Howard, who cares about the losses? In Ann Arbor, they must figure recruits grow on trees with so many great signees walking the grounds. The trenches were sparsely filled (some real near misses here), but offensive lineman Noah Parker was the best in Florida, and Georgia defensive lineman Juaquin Feazell, at 250 pounds, can run a 4.8. The Wolverine '93 defensive line class was the best in the country, and in '94, Gary Moeller signed the best linebackers in the land. This big need was filled with Battle Creek's Tim Laws and Rasheed Simmons from Edison, NJ, just to name two of six. The Wolverines also signed three promising tight ends (most schools are lucky to sign one), an All-American quarterback in Indiana's Scott Dreisbach, and two place-kickers, Kraig Baker and Jay Feely. The Wolverines signed only one defensive back—from Columbus, no less.





The Hurricanes signed absolutely terrific defensive linemen, linebackers, and of course, not one, but two quarterbacks, *a la* Tennessee. Denver Mullen's Ryan Clement and Californian Scott Covington could both generate even more quarterback controversy for Dennis Erickson soon. Florida athletes like wide receiver Omar Rolle and defensive back Nate Brooks are the type that all the elite programs covet. It's hard to count losing Lamont Green too heavily against the Hurricanes, who proved they can lose athletes at home and still do well. In fact, 10 of Miami's 15 signees are from out-of-state. The Dennis Erickson-to-the-NFL rumors never hurt the club. This superior class was signed out of just 34 official visits.

The Tide signed a fantastic offensive backfield, both at quarterback (Annis-ton's John Phillips) and running back. Alabama also got superior speed and range on defense. Mississippi linebacker Dwayne Rudd is about as athletic as they come. Nashville defensive back Michael Coleman should give this program as many bonus points as Robert Hammond did FSU. Coleman will be drafted high for baseball, which is always a lurking concern. The Town Creek Hazlewood pipeline again came through for the Tide with three signees, all of them high profile players, especially 6-2, 215-pound Steven Harris, a four-year starter at linebacker. Birmingham tight end Rod Rutledge, another four-year prep starter, could turn out to be a real force for the Tide, which laid low through most of the recruiting process, but finished very fast, very visible, and very talented.



Right off the bat the Irish score points because what you see is what you get. Everybody is qualified! This class is great in some areas, like wide receiver, and deficient in others, like defensive line. Forget the kicker. The Irish can overcome their failure in that area this year with skill people like Leon Blunt (California), Ty Goode (Nebraska), and Clement Stokes (Washington, DC), who will produce plenty of points. Believe it. There are some superior offensive linemen, linebackers (keep your eye on Californian John McLaughlin), and defensive backs here, but because the finish was slow, everybody wants to emphasize the decommitments, the near-misses. Canadian linebacker Bill Mitoulas, at 6-0, 210, is really made for the Irish, as are all Notre Dame signees.



The Bulldogs finished strong at the end with big-time commitments when it counted. They were actually strong early with some very quiet oral promises from people like *SuperPrep's* #1 rated quarterback, Hines Ward from Edison, GA. Ward's phone call campaign to other

recruits could lead to a new recruiting strategy, now that the recruiting coordinator position has been abolished. It's the "Commit Early" and "Call Often" approach. The Bulldogs hurt Notre Dame as much as anybody at the end by signing Dunwoody defensive lineman Travis Stroud and place-kicker Dax Langley from Conyers, who had a 63-yard field goal in high school. Atlanta running back George Lombard might emerge as

one of those special athletes who are few and far between. Tennessee defensive lineman Cletidus Hunt blocked seven punts at Memphis Whitehaven, creating a new position—punt blocker.

Land of the Wide Bodies. You heard it on ESPN's *Scholastic Sports America* first. The offensive and defensive linemen signed by the Buckeyes are unreal—the best in the USA. In-staters Orlando Pace and Eric Gohlstein are both over 300 pounds already. For pure star power in this class you need to look to flanker, where Dee "It's Miller time" Miller will be catching TD passes and opening up the running lanes for Illinois running back Joe Montgomery and Jermon Jackson from Ironton, OH. Miller averaged 20 yards per catch and scored 16 touchdowns as a senior. John Cooper recruited well to his needs and dominated Ohio in the process, which looks good to the Buckeye alumni, but isn't as important as was signing defensive lineman Jeff Wilson from Florida, linebacker Roedell Dupree from New Jersey, and defensive lineman Marcus Spriggs from Washington, DC.



There could be a new power on the block, and if that's true, people will someday point to this class as the turning point. Great recruits turned in the Eagles direction in droves from Florida (defensive backs Bill Gustin and Willie Wright are both All-Americans), Kansas City, Detroit, Cleveland, and Texas. Before heading to the NFL, Tom Coughlin also signed five of the top 12 prospects from the New England area, including Lincoln Sudbury outside linebacker Markell Blount and Rhode Island running back Michael Cloud. Signing Cleveland quarterback Scott Mutryn was a big victory for the Eagles over Wisconsin and Penn State. BC covered every position except the kicking game, and the Eagles signed a kicker last year. It was high times for this Boston crew, and then suddenly, Coughlin left. Dan Henning will have some terrific prospects to work with in his first year.



The Tar Heels didn't get the running back they were looking for, but they'll take care of that problem next year. Mack Brown took care of almost everything else, especially at quarterback, where he signed three guys, including Tony Coles from Richmond, VA., and All-American Bayou boy Chuckie Parquet, who has 10.7 100 meter speed. Athletes like Bolingbrook, IL. wide receiver Greg Williams and Maryland's Mark Dunn (98 career receptions) are do-everything types. Linebacker Michael Pringley (30 career sacks and 20 tackles for loss) and *Parade* All-American offensive lineman Jeff Wetalik are two of the best New Jersey offered this year and are representative of the elite caliber of player who is now attracted to Chapel Hill.



Nobody started faster than Joe Paterno's recruiters. The Nittany Lions built up a huge recruiting lead, but they got caught and didn't finish strong, missing out on the quarterback (Scott Mutryn to BC) and breakaway back



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(North Carolina running back Lamont Pegues to Clemson) they wanted. But as far as tight ends, offensive and defensive linemen, wide receivers, and defensive backs go, they covered all the bases with terrific athletes. Now let's get to the best part, and this is amazing: Eight of the top 12 Pennsylvania prospects signed with Joe Paterno. That's the best in-state clout I've ever seen. In-state control was restored. Big guys Floyd Wedderburn (6-8, 320) and Dan Drogan (6-7, 292) look like future NFL people. Oh, I almost forgot about the great linebacker signees ranked by *SuperPrep* as the fifth best group of linebackers in the nation. But you could have predicted that at Linebacker U.



The Cardinal has this stuff down pat. Last year they signed the two great quarterbacks, but not one prep offensive lineman. The Cardinal complemented that effort this year with the best offensive line group in the set and also put a new signal-caller on the back burner until next year. When you look at the last two classes signed, Stanford wins for best overall groups combined. Stanford got great wide-outs from Texas and great linebackers from Oregon. Only two of the Stanford signees are Californians, not surprising when you consider that cross bay rival Cal signed 21 in-state preps.

The Gators lost a cliff-hanger at the end to Miami for Merritt Island linebacker Derrick Ham and didn't come up with a quarterback. They gambled for Archie's kid, Peyton Manning, which is what you do when you recruit quarterback talent to Gainesville. Manning went to Tennessee, but don't worry about the Gators. Belle Glade running back Fred Taylor is as good as they come and he averaged 10.3 yards per carry to prove it. In-state All-American wide receivers Jamie Richardson and Reidel Anthony (seven punt and kickoff returns for TDs) will be attractive to next year's quarterback prospects. The Gators landed 6-5, 230-pound defensive lineman Mike Jackson from Wrightsville, GA., the alma mater of Herschel Walker. Louisiana wide receiver Isaac Hilliard, Dalton's nephew, supplies excellent versatility, not to mention name value, to the program. Cincinnati defensive back Tony George will bring his 15 career interceptions to Gainesville, over the strenuous objections of Tennessee, who wanted George to wear the orange.



It was not a fast start, but the Buffaloes were there at the end when the votes were tabulated. When you count their top prospects, you've got to begin with the two big backs from Michigan, Leon Merritt (6-3, 235 pound H-Back candidate) and Rafael Cooper, both Wolverine decommits. These guys are NFL-caliber talent, as is Texas two-way star Chris Anderson from LaPorte, who could help the Buffaloes on either side of the ball. He's currently penciled in as a 6-4, 220-pound receiver, but he also had nine interceptions last year and could play defense. Bill McCartney fought through difficulty (loss of coach Karl Dorrell to ASU in the middle of recruiting) in putting this class together, yet he emerged with a winner, although he would have liked to sign a superior inside linebacker. Only three of 17 signees are from in-state. Five are Californians.

The Tigers dominated the eastern seaboard scene for runners by landing not only the best in South Carolina, Greenville's Anthony Downs, but also Lamont Pegues, rated by *SuperPrep* as the #1 prospect in North Carolina. They also signed seven blocks of granite for those two to run behind, including All-Americans Holland Postell (6-6, 270) from Summerville, and 6-4, 275-pound Mark Landry out of Milford Academy, CT. The jewel of this class could easily turn out to be defensive back Jamie Day from Philadelphia, MS, who picked off 17 passes the last two seasons. Quarterback Nealon Greene from Yonkers, NY, brings along terrific option ability and Seneca wide receiver Kenya Crooks will give him a great target to keep defenses honest. Crooks was Tommy West's first oral commitment after he took over for Ken Hatfield, now the head man at Rice. Five of Clemson's 23 signees were eligible for spring ball.



This is another slow starting effort that finished with a bang! Maybe we should say, finished with a Driver. That's James Driver, as in the best linebacking prospect to come out of Texas. The 6-3, 215-pounder from Cleveland broke the hearts of Longhorn fans everywhere with his decision. Running back Cedric Hodge brings speed, cutting ability, and power to the Aggies. A greater number of superior prospects decommitted from other schools in favor of the Aggies than to any other school; Alief Elsik linebacker Warrick Holdman from Oklahoma, Jasper defensive back Shun Horn from Baylor, Houston defensive lineman Steve McKinney from Notre Dame, and Arlington wide receiver Aaron Oliver, who decommitted from Alabama. There is great overall balance in this class with tight end, linebacker, and defensive line looking exceptionally strong. This was a remarkable effort during a tough time at College Station. As usual, the Aggies didn't need to cross the state border much to do the job. Only two of 25 signees are from out-of-state, both from Louisiana.

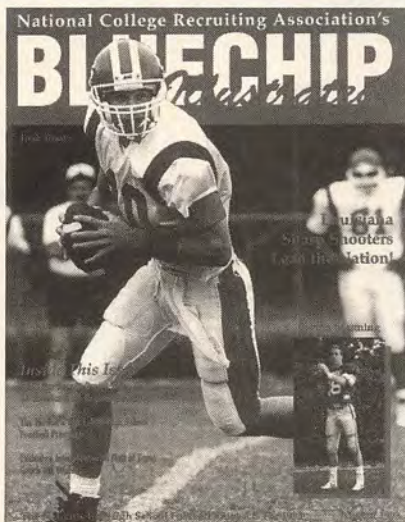


The Hawkeyes were just cruising along, putting together a nice, respectable class. It was a good class with people like Iowa City star runner Tim Dwight and offensive linemen Jeremy McKinney (Colorado), Matt Reischl (Wisconsin), and Matt Redman (California). There were some good linebackers and defensive ends, too, like Mike Darlington from Morris, IL., Matt Hughes from Eastland, TX, and in-stater Jared DeVries of Aplington. There are big expectations for DeVries and Canadian fullback Trevor Bollers. The Hawkeyes looked like they had taken care of their needs. Then suddenly, the star power came. The Hawkeyes stepped it up a notch. New Jersey linebacker Vernon Rollins and his 28 sacks in two seasons jumped aboard. Boom. Then came defensive back Eric Thigpen from Dolton, IL, with his 10.5 100 meter speed. Hayden Fry didn't let a poor bowl performance against Cal upset an aggressive recruiting campaign that resulted in landing Rollins and Thigpen near signing day. Better skill and better beef, it's here with some excellent juco linebacking help as well.



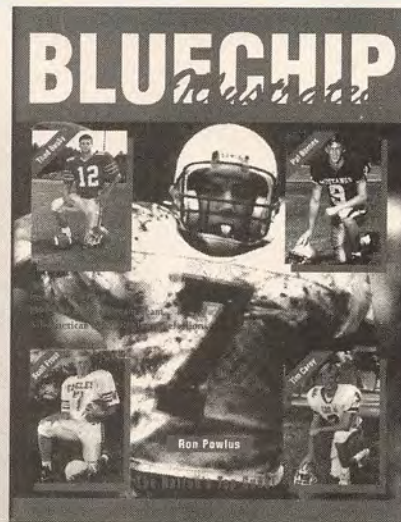
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Chickasha tight end Stephen Alexander was a crucial success for Gary Gibbs and the Sooners. The loss of the 6-5, 222-pound Alexander, the finest TE prospect in the country, would have hurt badly. The program would have faced criticism. The Sooners were looking for depth at linebacker, so the commitment of Warrick Holdman, who signed with Texas A&M, hurt a little, but with the superlative in-state defensive line newcomers, like Lawton's Martin Chase and Frederick's Carlos Baker, maybe linebackers won't be so necessary. Just kidding. All this Texas talent is no joke however: 11 players from the Lone Star State are now Sooners. Getting skill out of Texas (three superior defensive backs and a good wideout, but no great runner) is, of course, a Sooner tradition. Offensive lineman Jay Smith from Arlington Lamar was an added bonus for the trenches. Oklahoma signed some excellent jucos, including Northeast Oklahoma quarterback Garrick McGee, who is a big signee for Gibbs.



SuperPrep's #1 jucos prospect, running back Brian Knuckles of Coffeyville (Mike Rozier's school), signed with the Big Red. That's a nice platform, but the real story here is the outstanding California haul. It's so different from the Oklahoma approach.

The Sooners didn't sign one California prep player. The Huskers signed four, two All-Americans (defensive back Tray Crayton and tight end Dorrick Roy) and two others who received nationwide attention, offensive lineman Constantine Dumitrescu and tight end Sheldon Jackson. Nebraska signed some great defensive linemen, too—Grant Wistrom from Missouri and Jason Wiltz from Louisiana. Tom Osborne didn't get the big-name quarterback he wanted, but Jon Edler from Iowa can always jump out of trouble (6-5 high jumper), if nothing else. Jay Foreman, the son of former Vikings star Chuck Foreman, is a 6-3, 195-pound wingback from Eden Prairie, MN.

- 21 thru 50 -



21. CALIFORNIA
22. GEORGIA TECH
23. BAYLOR
24. ILLINOIS
25. TEXAS
26. LSU
27. AUBURN
28. UCLA
29. SOUTH CAROLINA
30. OKLAHOMA STATE
31. ARIZONA STATE
32. ARKANSAS
33. ARIZONA
34. KENTUCKY
35. NORTHWESTERN
36. WASHINGTON STATE
37. KANSAS
38. INDIANA
39. VIRGINIA TECH
40. KANSAS STATE
41. SYRACUSE
42. MICHIGAN STATE
43. TEXAS TECH
44. WASHINGTON
45. RUTGERS
46. VIRGINIA
47. MISSISSIPPI STATE
48. NORTH CAROLINA STATE
49. WISCONSIN
50. COLORADO STATE

Top 25 High School Seniors To Watch

PLAYER	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	SPEED	HIGH SCHOOL	CITY
Roger Alexander	OLB	6-3	200	4.6	Eastside HS	Paterson, NJ
Ernie Badeaux	DL	6-5	260	4.7	Curtis HS	River Ridge, LA
Mike Bennett	WR	6-5	200	4.5	Berwick HS	Berwick, PA
Dave Bowens	MLB	6-4	224	4.6	St. Mary's HS	Orchard Lake, MI
Cuncho Brown	TE/OLB	6-5	225	4.7	Parkland HS	Winston-Salem, NC
Maurice Daniels	LB	6-2	210	4.7	Annandale HS	Annandale, VA
Parnell Davis	DL	6-3	290	4.9	West End HS	Birmingham, AL
Kevin Faulk	RB	5-11	200	4.5	Carencro HS	Lafayette, LA
Chris Fisher	LB	6-2	240	4.7	LBJ HS	Austin, TX
Ahman Green	RB	6-0	200	4.45	Central HS	Omaha, NE
D'Andre Hardeman	RB	6-0	215	4.4	North Shore HS	Houston, TX
Damian Hill	DB	6-2	170	4.4	Carter HS	Dallas, TX
Brandon Houston	OL	6-5	280	5.2	Taylor HS	Katy, TX
Corey Jones	WR	6-0	165	4.5	Conestoga Valley HS	Lancaster, PA
Reggie McGrew	DL	6-3	270	4.8	Lafayette County HS	Mayo, FL
Robert McQuarters	WR/DB	5-10	180	4.5	Washington HS	Tulsa, OK
Mike Rosenthal	OL	6-6	270	5.2	Penn HS	Mishawaka, IN
Cephus Scott	DB	6-2	180	4.4	Ball HS	Galveston, TX
Brandon Short	DE/DT	6-3	250	4.7	McKeesport HS	McKeesport, PA
Jamie Spencer	FB/LB	6-2	245	4.55	Quachita HS	Monroe, LA
Matt Stichcomb	OL	6-5	275	5.1	Parkview HS	Atlanta, GA
Bonne Willis	TE/LB	6-4	245	4.65	Perching HS	Detroit, MI
Steve Wofford	RB	5-9	175	4.5	Bakersfield HS	Bakersfield, CA
Quincy Woods	QB	6-2	170	4.65	Rich East HS	Park Forest, IL
Charles Woodson	RB	6-2	190	4.5	Ross HS	Fremont, OH

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6.	Mike Sutton	6-4	220	Slidell (Salmen), LA	LSU
7.	Rasheed Simmons	6-5	237	Edison, NJ	Michigan
8.	Jeff Coleman	6-4	230	Gaffney, SC	Tennessee
9.	Demetro Stephens	6-2	220	Sandersville (Washington County), GA	Florida State
10.	Kailee Wong	6-4	235	Eugene (North Eugene), OR	Stanford
11.	Michael Boudoin	6-3	215	New Orleans (St. Augustine), LA	Texas
12.	Dwayne Rudd	6-3	210	Batesville (S. Panola), MS	Alabama
13.	Clarence Cruse	6-3	216	Aldine (Eisenhower), TX	Baylor
14.	Carlo Joseph	6-0	210	Deerfield Beach, FL	Miami
15.	Willie Wright	6-3	200	Ft. Lauderdale (St. Thomas), FL	Boston College

1.	Robert Hammond	6-3	185	Opelousas, LA	Florida State
2.	Mike Coleman	5-11	195	Nashville (Stratford), TN	Alabama
3.	Eric Thigpen	6-1	180	Dolton (Thorndridge), IL	Iowa
4.	Nikia Codie	6-3	185	Cleburne, TX	Baylor
5.	Jarvis Edison	6-4	200	Bay City, TX	Notre Dame
6.	Ben Washington	6-1	190	Tallahassee (Lincoln), FL	South Carolina
7.	Nate Brooks	6-0	170	North Miami, FL	Miami
8.	Steve Harris	6-1	220	Town Creek (Hazelwood), AL	Alabama
9.	Armin Love	6-1	185	Aldine (MacArthur), TX	Georgia

1.	Samari Rolle	6-1	175	Miami Beach, FL	Florida State
2.	Tim Dwight	5-9	170	Iowa City, IA	Iowa
3.	Leon Blunt	5-10	185	San Fernando, CA	Notre Dame
4.	Chris Anderson	6-4	210	La Porte, TX	Colorado
5.	Chuckie Parquet	6-0	170	Marrero (Shaw), LA	North Carolina
6.	Ty Goode	6-0	175	Lincoln (Southeast), NE	Notre Dame
7.	Corey Hill	6-0	205	Tucson (Sabino), AZ	Stanford

ATLANTIC COAST

CLEMSON

Sept. 3 FURMAN
Sept. 10 N.C. STATE
Sept. 17 at Virginia
Oct. 1 MARYLAND
Oct. 8 at Georgia
Oct. 15 at Duke
Oct. 22 at Florida State
Oct. 29 WAKE FOREST
Nov. 5 at North Carolina
Nov. 12 GEORGIA TECH
Nov. 19 SOUTH CAROLINA

DUKE

Sept. 3 MARYLAND
Sept. 10 EAST CAROLINA
Sept. 15 ARMY
Sept. 24 at Georgia Tech
Oct. 1 at Navy
Oct. 15 Clemson
Oct. 22 at Wake Forest
Oct. 29 at Florida State
Nov. 5 VIRGINIA
Nov. 12 at N.C. State
Nov. 19 NORTH CAROLINA

FLORIDA STATE

Sept. 3 VIRGINIA
Sept. 10 at Maryland
Sept. 17 at Wake Forest
Sept. 24 NORTH CAROLINA
Oct. 8 at Miami
Oct. 22 CLEMSON
Oct. 29 DUKE
Nov. 5 at Georgia Tech
Nov. 12 NOTRE DAME*
Nov. 19 at N.C. State
Nov. 26 FLORIDA
* in Orlando, Fla.

GEORGIA TECH

Sept. 1 ARIZONA
Sept. 10 WESTERN CAROLINA
Sept. 24 DUKE
Oct. 1 at N.C. State
Oct. 8 at North Carolina
Oct. 15 VIRGINIA
Oct. 22 at Maryland
Nov. 5 FLORIDA STATE
Nov. 12 at Clemson
Nov. 19 WAKE FOREST
Nov. 25 at Georgia

MARYLAND

Sept. 3 at Duke
Sept. 10 FLORIDA STATE
Sept. 17 at West Virginia
Sept. 24 WAKE FOREST
Oct. 1 at Clemson
Oct. 15 at North Carolina
Oct. 22 GEORGIA TECH
Oct. 29 TULANE
Nov. 5 N.C. STATE
Nov. 12 at Virginia
Nov. 19 at Syracuse

NORTH CAROLINA

Sept. 3 TCU
Sept. 17 TULANE
Sept. 24 at Florida State
Oct. 1 at SMU
Oct. 8 GEORGIA TECH
Oct. 15 MARYLAND
Oct. 22 at Virginia
Oct. 29 N.C. State
Nov. 5 CLEMSON
Nov. 12 at Wake Forest
Nov. 19 at Duke

NORTH CAROLINA STATE

Sept. 1 BOWLING GREEN ST.
Sept. 10 at Clemson
Sept. 24 WESTERN CAROLINA
Oct. 1 GEORGIA TECH
Oct. 8 at Louisville
Oct. 15 WAKE FOREST
Oct. 22 at North Carolina
Nov. 5 at Maryland
Nov. 12 DUKE
Nov. 19 FLORIDA STATE
Nov. 25 at Virginia

VIRGINIA

Sept. 3 at Florida State
Sept. 10 at Navy
Sept. 17 CLEMSON
Oct. 1 WILLIAM & MARY
Oct. 8 at Wake Forest
Oct. 15 at Georgia Tech
Oct. 22 NORTH CAROLINA
Nov. 5 at Duke
Nov. 12 MARYLAND
Nov. 19 at Virginia Tech
Nov. 25 N.C. STATE

WAKE FOREST

Sept. 3 at Vanderbilt
Sept. 10 APPALACHIAN STATE
Sept. 17 FLORIDA STATE
Sept. 24 at Maryland
Oct. 1 ARMY
Oct. 8 VIRGINIA
Oct. 15 at N.C. State
Oct. 22 DUKE
Oct. 29 at Clemson
Nov. 12 NORTH CAROLINA
Nov. 19 at Georgia Tech

SELECTED SCHOOLS

AIR FORCE

Sept. 3 COLORADO STATE
Sept. 10 BRIGHAM YOUNG
Sept. 17 NORTHWESTERN
Sept. 24 UTEP*
Oct. 1 at San Diego State
Oct. 8 NAVY
Oct. 22 FRESNO STATE
Oct. 29 at Wyoming
Nov. 5 at Army
Nov. 12 UTAH
Nov. 19 at Notre Dame
Dec. 3 at Hawaii
* at San Antonio

ARMY

Sept. 10 HOLY CROSS
Sept. 15 at Duke
Sept. 24 TEMPLE
Oct. 1 at Wake Forest
Oct. 8 at Rutgers
Oct. 15 LOUISVILLE
Oct. 22 THE CITADEL
Oct. 29 BOSTON COLLEGE
Nov. 5 AIR FORCE
Nov. 12 BOSTON UNIVERSITY
Dec. 3 Navy*
* at Philadelphia, Pa.

BYU

Sept. 3 at Hawaii
Sept. 10 at Air Force
Sept. 17 COLORADO STATE
Sept. 24 NEW MEXICO
Sept. 30 UTAH STATE
Oct. 8 at Fresno State
Oct. 15 at Notre Dame
Oct. 22 UTEP
Oct. 29 ARIZONA STATE
Nov. 5 NE LOUISIANA
Nov. 10 SAN DIEGO STATE
Nov. 19 at Utah

CINCINNATI

Sept. 3 at Indiana
Sept. 10 SYRACUSE
Sept. 17 at Miami of Ohio
Oct. 1 BOWLING GREEN STATE
Oct. 8 VANDERBILT
Oct. 15 at Rutgers
Oct. 22 at Memphis
Oct. 29 at East Carolina
Nov. 5 TROY STATE
Nov. 12 at Wisconsin
Nov. 19 TULSA

EAST CAROLINA

Sept. 10 at Duke
Sept. 17 at Temple
Sept. 24 SYRACUSE
Oct. 1 SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
Oct. 8 at South Carolina
Oct. 15 VIRGINIA TECH
Oct. 22 at Tulsa
Oct. 29 CINCINNATI
Nov. 5 at Auburn
Nov. 12 CENTRAL FLORIDA
Nov. 19 at Memphis

LOUISIANA TECH

Sept. 3 Baylor
Sept. 10 HOUSTON
Sept. 17 at South Carolina
Oct. 1 SOUTHWESTERN (LA)
Oct. 8 at UNLV
Oct. 15 UTAH STATE
Oct. 22 at Northern Illinois
Oct. 29 at West Virginia
Nov. 5 NORTHWESTERN (IA) STATE
Nov. 12 SAN JOSE STATE
Nov. 19 at Arkansas State

BIG EAST

BOSTON COLLEGE

Sept. 3 at Michigan
Sept. 17 VIRGINIA TECH
Sept. 24 at Pittsburgh
Oct. 8 NOTRE DAME
Oct. 15 TEMPLE
Oct. 22 RUTGERS
Oct. 29 at Army
Nov. 3 at Louisville
Nov. 12 SYRACUSE
Nov. 19 at West Virginia
Nov. 26 at Miami

MIAMI

Sept. 3 GEORGIA SOUTHERN
Sept. 10 at Arizona State
Sept. 24 WASHINGTON
Oct. 1 at Rutgers
Oct. 8 FLORIDA STATE
Oct. 22 at West Virginia
Oct. 29 VIRGINIA TECH
Nov. 5 at Syracuse
Nov. 12 PITTSBURGH
Nov. 19 at Temple
Nov. 26 BOSTON COLLEGE

PITTSBURGH

Sept. 3 TEXAS
Sept. 10 OHIO UNIVERSITY
Sept. 17 at Ohio State
Sept. 24 BOSTON COLLEGE
Oct. 1 at Louisville
Oct. 8 at Syracuse
Oct. 15 West Virginia
Oct. 22 at Virginia Tech
Oct. 29 TEMPLE
Nov. 12 at Miami (FL)
Nov. 19 RUTGERS

RUTGERS

Sept. 3 KENT
Sept. 10 WEST VIRGINIA
Sept. 17 at Syracuse
Sept. 24 at Penn State
Oct. 1 MIAMI
Oct. 8 ARMY
Oct. 15 CINCINNATI
Oct. 22 at Boston College
Nov. 5 TEMPLE
Nov. 12 at Virginia Tech
Nov. 19 at Pittsburgh

SYRACUSE

Sept. 3 OKLAHOMA
Sept. 10 at Cincinnati
Sept. 17 RUTGERS
Sept. 24 at East Carolina
Oct. 1 VIRGINIA TECH
Oct. 8 PITTSBURGH
Oct. 22 at Temple
Nov. 5 MIAMI
Nov. 12 at Boston College
Nov. 19 MARYLAND
Nov. 25 at West Virginia

TEMPLE

Sept. 8 at Akron
Sept. 17 EAST CAROLINA
Sept. 24 at Army
Oct. 1 PENN STATE
Oct. 8 at Virginia Tech
Oct. 15 at Boston College
Oct. 22 SYRACUSE
Oct. 29 at Pittsburgh
Nov. 5 at Rutgers
Nov. 12 WEST VIRGINIA
Nov. 19 MIAMI

VIRGINIA TECH

Sept. 3 ARKANSAS STATE
Sept. 10 at Sou Mississippi
Sept. 17 at Boston College
Sept. 22 WEST VIRGINIA
Oct. 1 at Syracuse
Oct. 8 TEMPLE
Oct. 15 at East Carolina
Oct. 22 PITTSBURGH
Oct. 29 at Miami
Nov. 12 RUTGERS
Nov. 19 VIRGINIA

WEST VIRGINIA

Aug. 28 Nebraska*
Sept. 3 BALL STATE
Sept. 10 at Rutgers
Sept. 17 MARYLAND
Sept. 22 at Virginia Tech
Oct. 1 at Missouri
Oct. 15 at Pittsburgh
Oct. 22 MIAMI
Oct. 29 LOUISIANA TECH
Nov. 12 at Temple
Nov. 19 BOSTON COLLEGE
Nov. 25 SYRACUSE
* Kickoff Classic, East Rutherford, N.J.

BIG EIGHT

COLORADO

Sept. 3 NE LOUISIANA
Sept. 17 WISCONSIN
Sept. 24 at Michigan
Oct. 1 at Texas
Oct. 8 at Missouri
Oct. 15 OKLAHOMA
Oct. 22 KANSAS STATE
Oct. 29 at Nebraska
Nov. 5 OKLAHOMA STATE
Nov. 12 at Kansas
Nov. 19 IOWA STATE

IOWA STATE

Sept. 3 NORTHERN IOWA
Sept. 10 at Iowa
Sept. 17 WESTERN MICHIGAN
Sept. 24 RICE
Oct. 1 at Oklahoma
Oct. 15 KANSAS
Oct. 22 at Oklahoma State
Oct. 29 MISSOURI
Nov. 5 at Kansas State
Nov. 12 NEBRASKA
Nov. 19 at Colorado

KANSAS STATE

Sept. 3 SOUTHWESTERN LA
Sept. 17 RICE
Sept. 24 MINNESOTA
Oct. 6 at Kansas
Oct. 15 NEBRASKA
Oct. 22 at Colorado
Oct. 29 at Oklahoma
Nov. 5 IOWA STATE
Nov. 12 at Missouri
Nov. 19 OKLAHOMA STATE
Nov. 26 at UNLV

KANSAS

Sept. 1 at Houston
Sept. 10 MICHIGAN STATE
Sept. 17 at TCU
Sept. 24 ALABAMA-B'HAM
Oct. 6 KANSAS STATE
Oct. 15 at Iowa State
Oct. 22 OKLAHOMA
Oct. 29 OKLAHOMA STATE
Nov. 5 at Nebraska
Nov. 12 COLORADO
Nov. 19 at Missouri

MISSOURI

Sept. 3 TULSA
Sept. 10 at Illinois
Sept. 17 at Houston
Oct. 1 WEST VIRGINIA
Oct. 8 COLORADO
Oct. 15 at Oklahoma State
Oct. 22 NEBRASKA
Oct. 29 at Iowa State
Nov. 5 at Oklahoma
Nov. 12 KANSAS STATE
Nov. 19 KANSAS
Nov. 26 at Hawaii

NEBRASKA

Aug. 28 West Virginia*
Sept. 8 at Texas Tech
Sept. 17 UCLA
Sept. 24 PACIFIC
Oct. 1 WYOMING
Oct. 8 OKLAHOMA STATE
Oct. 15 at Kansas State
Oct. 22 at Missouri
Oct. 29 COLORADO
Nov. 5 KANSAS
Nov. 12 at Iowa State
Nov. 25 at Oklahoma
* Kickoff Classic, East Rutherford, N.J.

OKLAHOMA

Sept. 3 at Syracuse
Sept. 10 at Texas A&M
Sept. 17 TEXAS TECH
Oct. 1 IOWA STATE
Oct. 8 vs. Texas*
Oct. 15 at Colorado
Oct. 22 at Kansas
Oct. 29 KANSAS STATE
Nov. 5 MISSOURI
Nov. 12 at Oklahoma State
Nov. 19 NEBRASKA
* at Dallas

OKLAHOMA STATE

Sept. 1 at Northern Illinois
Sept. 17 at Baylor
Sept. 24 TULSA
Oct. 1 NORTH TEXAS STATE
Oct. 8 at Nebraska
Oct. 15 MISSOURI
Oct. 22 IOWA STATE
Oct. 29 at Kansas
Nov. 5 at Colorado
Nov. 12 OKLAHOMA
Nov. 19 at Kansas State

SOUTHWEST

BAYLOR

Sept. 3 LOUISIANA TECH
Sept. 10 at San Jose State
Sept. 17 OKLAHOMA STATE
Sept. 24 at USC
Oct. 1 at TCU
Oct. 8 SMU
Oct. 15 at Texas A&M
Oct. 22 at Texas Tech
Oct. 29 HOUSTON
Nov. 12 at Rice
Nov. 24 Texas

HOUSTON

Sept. 1 KANSAS
Sept. 10 at Louisiana Tech
Sept. 17 MISSOURI
Sept. 24 at Ohio State
Oct. 8 TEXAS A&M
Oct. 15 at SMU
Oct. 22 TCU
Oct. 29 at Baylor
Nov. 12 at Texas
Nov. 19 at Texas Tech*
Nov. 26 RICE
* at San Antonio

RICE

Sept. 10 TULANE
Sept. 17 at Kansas State
Sept. 24 at Iowa State
Oct. 8 TEXAS TECH
Oct. 15 TEXAS
Oct. 22 at Texas A&M
Oct. 29 at TCU
Nov. 5 SMU
Nov. 12 BAYLOR
Nov. 19 at Navy
Nov. 26 at Houston

SMU

Sept. 3 at Arkansas
Sept. 10 at UCLA
Sept. 17 NEW MEXICO
Sept. 24 at Texas Tech
Oct. 1 NORTH CAROLINA
Oct. 8 at Baylor
Oct. 15 HOUSTON
Oct. 22 at Texas
Oct. 29 TEXAS A&M*
Nov. 5 at TCU
Nov. 12 RICE
* at San Antonio

TCU

Sept. 3 at North Carolina
Sept. 10 at New Mexico
Sept. 17 KANSAS
Sept. 24 TEXAS
Oct. 1 BAYLOR
Oct. 15 at Tulane
Oct. 22 at Houston
Oct. 29 RICE
Nov. 12 SMU
Nov. 19 at Texas A&M
Nov. 25 TEXAS TECH

TEXAS

Sept. 3 at Pittsburgh
Sept. 10 LOUISVILLE
Sept. 24 at TCU
Oct. 1 COLORADO
Oct. 8 vs. Oklahoma*
Oct. 15 at Rice
Oct. 22 SMU
Oct. 29 at Texas Tech
Nov. 5 TEXAS A&M
Nov. 12 HOUSTON
Nov. 24 at Baylor
* at Dallas

TEXAS A&M

Sept. 3 at LSU
Sept. 10 OKLAHOMA
Sept. 24 SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
Oct. 1 TEXAS TECH
Oct. 8 at Houston
Oct. 15 BAYLOR
Oct. 22 RICE
Oct. 29 vs. SMU*
Nov. 5 at Texas
Nov. 12 at LOUISVILLE
Nov. 19 TCU
Nov. 24 at Texas
* at San Antonio

TEXAS TECH

Sept. 3 NEW MEXICO
Sept. 8 NEBRASKA
Sept. 17 at Oklahoma
Sept. 24 SMU
Oct. 1 at Texas A&M
Oct. 8 at Rice
Oct. 22 BAYLOR
Oct. 29 TEXAS
Nov. 12 SW LOUISIANA
Nov. 19 HOUSTON*
Nov. 25 at TCU
* at San Antonio

A black and white photograph of two young men on a pier. The man on the left is wearing a plaid shirt over a tank top and jeans, holding a fishing rod. The man on the right is wearing a dark t-shirt and jeans, holding a large fish high above his head. Both are smiling and appear to be celebrating. The background shows a wooden pier railing and a body of water.

**Work, Work,
Work, Work,
Work, Work,
Work, Work,
Fish.**

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1994 COLLEGE SCHEDULES

PAC 10

ARIZONA

Sept. 1 at Georgia Tech
Sept. 10 NEW MEXICO STATE
Sept. 24 at Stanford
Oct. 1 OREGON STATE
Oct. 8 COLORADO STATE
Oct. 15 at Washington State
Oct. 22 UCLA
Oct. 29 at Oregon
Nov. 5 CALIFORNIA
Nov. 12 at USC
Nov. 25 ARIZONA STATE

CALIFORNIA

Sept. 10 at San Diego State
Sept. 17 HAWAII
Sept. 24 ARIZONA STATE
Oct. 1 SAN JOSE STATE
Oct. 8 UCLA
Oct. 15 at Oregon
Oct. 22 at USC
Oct. 29 WASHINGTON STATE
Nov. 5 at Arizona
Nov. 12 at Washington
Nov. 19 STANFORD

OREGON STATE

Sept. 3 at Arizona State
Sept. 10 WYOMING
Sept. 17 at Fresno State
Oct. 1 at Arizona
Oct. 8 USC
Oct. 15 at UCLA
Oct. 22 STANFORD
Oct. 29 at Washington
Nov. 5 PACIFIC
Nov. 12 WASHINGTON STATE
Nov. 19 OREGON

UCLA

Sept. 3 TENNESSEE
Sept. 10 SOUTHERN METHODIST
Sept. 17 at Nebraska
Sept. 24 WASHINGTON STATE
Oct. 1 at Washington
Oct. 8 at California
Oct. 15 OREGON STATE
Oct. 22 at Arizona
Oct. 29 STANFORD
Nov. 12 at Arizona State
Nov. 19 USC

WASHINGTON

Sept. 3 at USC
Sept. 10 OHIO STATE
Sept. 24 at Miami
Oct. 1 UCLA
Oct. 8 SAN JOSE STATE
Oct. 15 ARIZONA STATE
Oct. 22 at Oregon
Oct. 29 OREGON STATE
Nov. 5 at Stanford
Nov. 12 CALIFORNIA
Nov. 19 at Washington State

ARIZONA STATE

Sept. 3 OREGON STATE
Sept. 10 MIAMI
Sept. 17 LOUISVILLE
Sept. 24 at California
Oct. 8 STANFORD
Oct. 15 at Washington
Oct. 22 WASHINGTON STATE
Oct. 29 at Brigham Young
Nov. 5 at Oregon
Nov. 12 UCLA
Nov. 19 at Arizona

OREGON

Sept. 3 PORTLAND STATE
Sept. 10 at Hawaii
Sept. 17 UTAH
Sept. 24 IOWA
Oct. 1 at USC
Oct. 8 at Washington State
Oct. 15 CALIFORNIA
Oct. 22 WASHINGTON
Oct. 29 ARIZONA
Nov. 5 ARIZONA STATE
Nov. 12 at Stanford
Nov. 19 at Oregon State

STANFORD

Sept. 10 at Northwestern
Sept. 17 SAN JOSE STATE
Sept. 24 ARIZONA
Oct. 1 at Notre Dame
Oct. 8 at Arizona State
Oct. 15 USC
Oct. 22 at Oregon State
Oct. 29 at UCLA
Nov. 5 WASHINGTON
Nov. 12 OREGON
Nov. 19 at California

USC

Sept. 3 WASHINGTON
Sept. 10 at Penn State
Sept. 24 BAYLOR
Oct. 1 OREGON
Oct. 8 at Oregon State
Oct. 15 at Stanford
Oct. 22 CALIFORNIA
Nov. 5 at Washington State
Nov. 12 ARIZONA
Nov. 19 at UCLA
Nov. 26 NOTRE DAME

WASHINGTON STATE

Sept. 1 at Illinois*
Sept. 10 FRESNO STATE
Sept. 24 at UCLA
Oct. 1 at Tennessee
Oct. 8 OREGON
Oct. 15 ARIZONA
Oct. 22 at Arizona State
Oct. 29 at California
Nov. 5 USC
Nov. 12 at Oregon State
Nov. 19 WASHINGTON
*at Chicago

BIG TEN

MICHIGAN

Sept. 3 BOSTON COLLEGE
Sept. 10 at Notre Dame
Sept. 24 COLORADO
Oct. 1 at Iowa
Oct. 8 MICHIGAN STATE
Oct. 15 PENN STATE
Oct. 22 at Illinois
Oct. 29 WISCONSIN
Nov. 5 at Purdue
Nov. 12 MINNESOTA
Nov. 19 at Ohio State

OHIO STATE

Aug. 29 vs. Fresno State*
Sept. 10 at Washington
Sept. 17 PITTSBURGH
Sept. 24 HOUSTON
Oct. 1 at Northwestern
Oct. 8 ILLINOIS
Oct. 15 at Michigan State
Oct. 22 PURDUE
Oct. 29 at Penn State
Nov. 5 WISCONSIN
Nov. 12 at Indiana
Nov. 19 MICHIGAN
*Disneyland Classic at Anaheim, Calif.

MICHIGAN STATE

Sept. 10 at Kansas
Sept. 17 NOTRE DAME
Sept. 24 MIAMI OF OHIO
Oct. 1 WISCONSIN
Oct. 8 at Michigan
Oct. 15 OHIO STATE
Oct. 22 at Iowa
Oct. 29 INDIANA
Nov. 5 at Northwestern
Nov. 12 PURDUE
Nov. 26 at Penn State

PENN STATE

Sept. 3 at Minnesota
Sept. 10 USC
Sept. 17 IOWA
Sept. 24 RUTGERS
Oct. 1 at Temple
Oct. 15 at Michigan
Oct. 29 OHIO STATE
Nov. 5 at Indiana
Nov. 12 at Illinois
Nov. 19 NORTHWESTERN
Nov. 26 MICHIGAN STATE

MINNESOTA

Sept. 3 PENN STATE
Sept. 10 PACIFIC
Sept. 17 SAN DIEGO STATE
Sept. 24 at Kansas State
Oct. 1 INDIANA
Oct. 8 at Purdue
Oct. 15 NORTHWESTERN
Oct. 22 at Wisconsin
Nov. 5 ILLINOIS
Nov. 12 at Michigan
Nov. 19 IOWA

PURDUE

Sept. 10 TOLEDO
Sept. 17 BALL STATE
Sept. 24 at Notre Dame
Oct. 1 at Illinois
Oct. 8 MINNESOTA
Oct. 15 at Wisconsin
Oct. 22 at Ohio State
Oct. 29 IOWA
Nov. 5 MICHIGAN
Nov. 12 at Michigan State
Nov. 19 INDIANA

NORTHWESTERN

Sept. 3 NOTRE DAME*
Sept. 10 MICHIGAN
Sept. 17 at Air Force
Oct. 1 OHIO STATE
Oct. 8 WISCONSIN
Oct. 15 at Minnesota
Oct. 22 at Indiana
Oct. 29 ILLINOIS
Nov. 5 MICHIGAN STATE
Nov. 12 at Iowa
Nov. 19 at Penn State
*at Chicago

WISCONSIN

Sept. 10 EASTERN MICHIGAN
Sept. 17 at Colorado
Sept. 24 INDIANA
Oct. 1 at Michigan State
Oct. 8 at Northwestern
Oct. 15 PURDUE
Oct. 22 MINNESOTA
Oct. 29 at Michigan
Nov. 5 at Ohio State
Nov. 12 CINCINNATI
Nov. 19 ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS

Sept. 1 WASHINGTON STATE*
Sept. 10 MISSOURI
Sept. 17 NORTHERN ILLINOIS
Oct. 1 PURDUE
Oct. 8 at Ohio State
Oct. 15 IOWA
Oct. 22 MICHIGAN
Oct. 29 at Northwestern
Nov. 5 at Minnesota
Nov. 12 PENN STATE
Nov. 19 at Wisconsin
*at Chicago

INDIANA

Sept. 3 CINCINNATI
Sept. 10 MIAMI OF OHIO
Sept. 17 at Kentucky
Sept. 24 at Wisconsin
Oct. 1 MINNESOTA
Oct. 8 at Iowa
Oct. 22 NORTHWESTERN
Oct. 29 at Michigan State
Nov. 5 PENN STATE
Nov. 12 OHIO STATE
Nov. 19 at Purdue

IOWA

Sept. 3 CENTRAL MICHIGAN
Sept. 10 IOWA STATE
Sept. 17 at Penn State
Sept. 24 at Oregon
Oct. 1 MICHIGAN
Oct. 8 INDIANA
Oct. 15 at Illinois
Oct. 22 MICHIGAN STATE
Oct. 29 at Purdue
Nov. 12 NORTHWESTERN
Nov. 19 at Minnesota

SOUTHEASTERN

ALABAMA

Sept. 3 UT-CHATTANOOGA*
Sept. 10 VANDERBILT
Sept. 17 at Arkansas
Sept. 24 TULANE*
Oct. 1 GEORGIA
Oct. 8 SOU MISSISSIPPI
Oct. 15 at Tennessee
Oct. 22 OLE MISS
Nov. 5 at LSU
Nov. 12 at Mississippi State
Nov. 19 AUBURN*
*at Birmingham, AL

GEORGIA

Sept. 3 at South Carolina
Sept. 10 TENNESSEE
Sept. 17 NE LOUISIANA
Sept. 24 OLE MISS
Oct. 1 at Alabama
Oct. 8 CLEMSON
Oct. 15 VANDERBILT
Oct. 22 at Kentucky
Oct. 29 at Florida
Nov. 12 at Auburn
Nov. 25 GEORGIA TECH

MISSISSIPPI STATE

Sept. 3 at Memphis
Sept. 10 at Louisiana State
Sept. 24 TENNESSEE
Oct. 1 ARKANSAS STATE
Oct. 8 AUBURN
Oct. 15 at South Carolina
Oct. 22 TULANE
Oct. 29 at Kentucky
Nov. 5 ARKANSAS
Nov. 12 ALABAMA
Nov. 26 at Mississippi

ARKANSAS

Sept. 3 SMU
Sept. 10 at South Carolina
Sept. 17 ALABAMA
Sept. 24 at Memphis State
Oct. 1 VANDERBILT*
Oct. 8 at Tennessee
Oct. 15 OLE MISS
Oct. 29 at Auburn
Nov. 12 NORTHERN ILLINOIS
Nov. 26 LSU*
*at Little Rock

KENTUCKY

Sept. 3 LOUISVILLE
Sept. 10 at Florida
Sept. 17 INDIANA
Sept. 24 SOUTH CAROLINA
Sept. 29 at Auburn
Oct. 15 at LSU
Oct. 22 GEORGIA
Oct. 29 MISSISSIPPI STATE
Nov. 5 VANDERBILT
Nov. 12 NE LOUISIANA
Nov. 19 at Tennessee

SOUTH CAROLINA

Sept. 3 GEORGIA
Sept. 10 ARKANSAS
Sept. 17 LOUISIANA TECH
Sept. 24 at Kentucky
Oct. 1 at Louisiana State
Oct. 8 EAST CAROLINA
Oct. 15 MISSISSIPPI STATE
Oct. 22 at Vanderbilt
Oct. 29 TENNESSEE
Nov. 12 at Florida
Nov. 19 at Clemson

AUBURN

Sept. 3 at Ole Miss
Sept. 10 NE LOUISIANA
Sept. 17 LSU
Sept. 24 E TENNESSEE STATE
Sept. 29 KENTUCKY
Oct. 8 at Mississippi State
Oct. 15 at Florida
Oct. 29 ARKANSAS
Nov. 5 EAST CAROLINA
Nov. 12 GEORGIA
Nov. 26 at Alabama*
*at Birmingham, AL

LSU

Sept. 3 TEXAS A&M
Sept. 10 MISSISSIPPI STATE
Sept. 17 at Auburn
Oct. 1 SOUTH CAROLINA
Oct. 8 at Florida
Oct. 15 KENTUCKY
Oct. 29 at Ole Miss
Nov. 5 ALABAMA
Nov. 12 SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
Nov. 19 at Tulane
Nov. 26 at Arkansas

TENNESSEE

Sept. 3 at UCLA
Sept. 10 at Georgia
Sept. 17 FLORIDA
Sept. 24 at Mississippi State
Oct. 1 WASHINGTON STATE
Oct. 8 ARKANSAS
Oct. 15 ALABAMA
Oct. 29 at South Carolina
Nov. 12 MEMPHIS STATE
Nov. 19 KENTUCKY
Nov. 26 at Vanderbilt

FLORIDA

Sept. 3 NEW MEXICO STATE
Sept. 10 KENTUCKY
Sept. 17 at Tennessee
Oct. 1 at Ole Miss
Oct. 8 LSU
Oct. 15 AUBURN
Oct. 29 GEORGIA
Nov. 5 SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
Nov. 12 SOUTH CAROLINA
Nov. 19 at Vanderbilt
Nov. 26 at Florida State

OLE MISS

Sept. 3 AUBURN
Sept. 10 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
Sept. 17 at Vanderbilt
Sept. 24 at Georgia
Oct. 1 FLORIDA
Oct. 15 at Arkansas
Oct. 22 at Alabama
Oct. 29 LSU
Nov. 5 MEMPHIS
Nov. 12 at Tulane
Nov. 26 MISSISSIPPI STATE

VANDERBILT

Sept. 3 WAKE FOREST
Sept. 10 at Alabama
Sept. 17 MISSISSIPPI
Oct. 1 at Arkansas
Oct. 8 at Cincinnati
Oct. 15 at Georgia
Oct. 22 SOUTH CAROLINA
Nov. 29 NORTHERN ILLINOIS
Nov. 5 at Kentucky
Nov. 19 FLORIDA
Nov. 26 TENNESSEE

OTHER SELECTED SCHOOLS

LOUISVILLE

Sept. 3 at Kentucky
Sept. 10 at Texas
Sept. 17 at Arizona State
Oct. 1 PITTSBURGH
Oct. 8 NC STATE
Oct. 15 at Army
Oct. 22 at Navy
Oct. 29 MEMPHIS STATE
Nov. 3 BOSTON COLLEGE
Nov. 12 TEXAS A&M
Nov. 26 TULSA

NOTRE DAME

Sept. 3 Northwestern*
Sept. 10 MICHIGAN
Sept. 17 at Michigan State
Sept. 24 PURDUE
Oct. 1 STANFORD
Oct. 8 at Boston College
Oct. 15 BYU
Oct. 29 NAVY
Nov. 12 vs. Florida State**
Nov. 19 AIR FORCE
Nov. 26 at USC
*at Chicago
**at Citrus Bowl, Orlando

MEMPHIS

Sept. 3 MISSISSIPPI STATE
Sept. 10 at Tulsa
Sept. 17 at Sou Mississippi
Sept. 24 ARKANSAS
Oct. 8 TULANE
Oct. 15 ARKANSAS STATE
Oct. 22 CINCINNATI
Oct. 29 at Louisville
Nov. 5 at Ole Miss
Nov. 12 at Tennessee
Nov. 19 EAST CAROLINA

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

Sept. 3 at Tulane
Sept. 10 VIRGINIA TECH
Sept. 17 MEMPHIS
Sept. 24 at Texas A&M
Oct. 1 at East Carolina
Oct. 8 at Alabama
Oct. 15 SW LOUISIANA
Oct. 22 SAMFORD
Oct. 29 TULSA
Nov. 5 at Florida
Nov. 12 at LSU

NAVY

Sept. 3 at San Diego State
Sept. 10 VIRGINIA
Sept. 17 at Bowling Green St.
Oct. 1 DUKE
Oct. 8 at Air Force
Oct. 15 LAFAYETTE
Oct. 22 LOUISVILLE
Oct. 29 at Notre Dame
Nov. 5 at Tulane
Nov. 19 RICE
Dec. 3 ARMY*
*at Philadelphia

TULANE

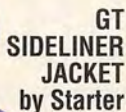
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Sept. 10 at Rice
Sept. 17 at North Carolina
Sept. 24 at Memphis
Oct. 8 at Memphis
Oct. 15 TCU
Oct. 22 at Mississippi State
Oct. 29 at Maryland
Nov. 5 NAVY
Nov. 12 MISSISSIPPI
Nov. 19 LSU

TULSA

Sept. 3 at Missouri
Sept. 10 MEMPHIS
Sept. 17 at Wyoming
Sept. 24 at Oklahoma State
Oct. 8 UTEP
Oct. 15 UNLV
Oct. 22 EAST CAROLINA
Oct. 29 at Sou Mississippi
Nov. 12 SW MISSOURI ST
Nov. 19 at Cincinnati
Nov. 26 at Louisville

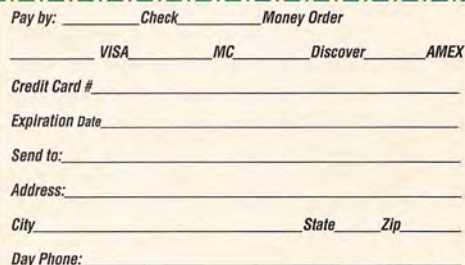


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FIGHTING IRISH

HOLTZ AGAIN PLAYS IT COY

By David Haugh



On a clear day in South Bend, Lou Holtz still can spot a rain cloud on the horizon.

If he were a wine connoisseur, he may think the finest vintage

tastes tart on his tongue.

If he were a groundskeeper, he may accuse Augusta National of growing too much crabgrass.

Some observers call Holtz a grumpy old man.

Others call him a perfectionist.

Regardless of what people call him, Holtz remains one of the hardest coaches in college football to please, whether the cupboard of talent at Notre Dame is barren or bountiful.

In eight seasons as boss of the Irish, Holtz often has predicted gloom and doom and ended up with glory and praise. To Holtz, each fall Navy looks unsinkable; Purdue looks unbeatable; and foes like Florida State are taboo topics.

Before last season, for instance, the 56-year-old Holtz repeatedly joked that he had players who didn't know if they could play for the Irish, but thought they could.

His audiences laughed, as they often do. But Holtz again proved to be a better comic than a prophet.

All those inexperienced, overconfident athletes did was nudge Notre Dame within 41 yards — the distance of David Gordon's last-second field goal Nov. 20 that gave Boston College a 41-39 victory in South Bend — of a national title.

Guys like quarterback Kevin McDougal, offensive tackle Todd Norman, defensive tackle Jim Flanigan, and linebacker Peter Bercich emerged. Guys who grabbed hold of their potential before grabbing their diplomas. Guys whom, before last season, Holtz had counted on

as often as he had counted on the shotgun offense.

Guys carrying a football resume as regular as the ones carried by several of this fall's Fighting Irish starters.

"We can't assume that some of these players we are going to have to play this season are going to be good, solid performers," Holtz said during practice last spring. "And I guess we can't assume they won't be good. But it's different this year. You can't take anything for granted. We'll have to see how the pieces fit."

Like past puzzles, he predictably can't see them fitting together to form a contender for the national championship. Holtz felt lonely as he scanned the practice field last spring. Bryant Young wasn't chasing quarterbacks. Jeff Burris wasn't deflecting down-and-outs. Lake Dawson

wasn't making one-handed catches. Kevin Pendergast wasn't kicking field goals. And Aaron Taylor and Tim Ruddy were nowhere to be found.

"I have real concerns with our leadership," Holtz said. "We just don't have enough of it."

The position group where Holtz usually finds his leaders spent the spring trying to establish a unit consistency more than a team identity. The Notre Dame offensive line, a chassis that has powered Notre Dame to seven straight New Year's Day bowl games, must replace some of its most efficient parts ever. Taylor, Ruddy, and Norman will now make grunts and cause groans on Sundays. The trio left behind holes bigger than the ones they created for running backs.

The most experienced lineman of the bunch — senior left guard Mark Zataveski — nearly lost his job last spring to untested junior Dusty Zeigler and eventually may lose it this fall. Two other projected starters — senior right tackle Ryan Leahy and junior right guard Jeremy Akers — never have played an entire season without injury. Center Will Lyell never hiked the ball before last April. And starting left tackle Mike Doughty's next game action will be his first.

"We just don't have that established two-year starter who has played and won," Holtz said. "This is one of the few times we have not had an experienced center here. I have some big concerns."

And some small expectations.

"I think by '96," Holtz quipped, "we'll be real solid."

By that time, his quarterback may be real famous. Most college football fans

NOTRE DAME AT A GLANCE

Team Strengths: Running backs, wide receivers, tight end, and quarterback.

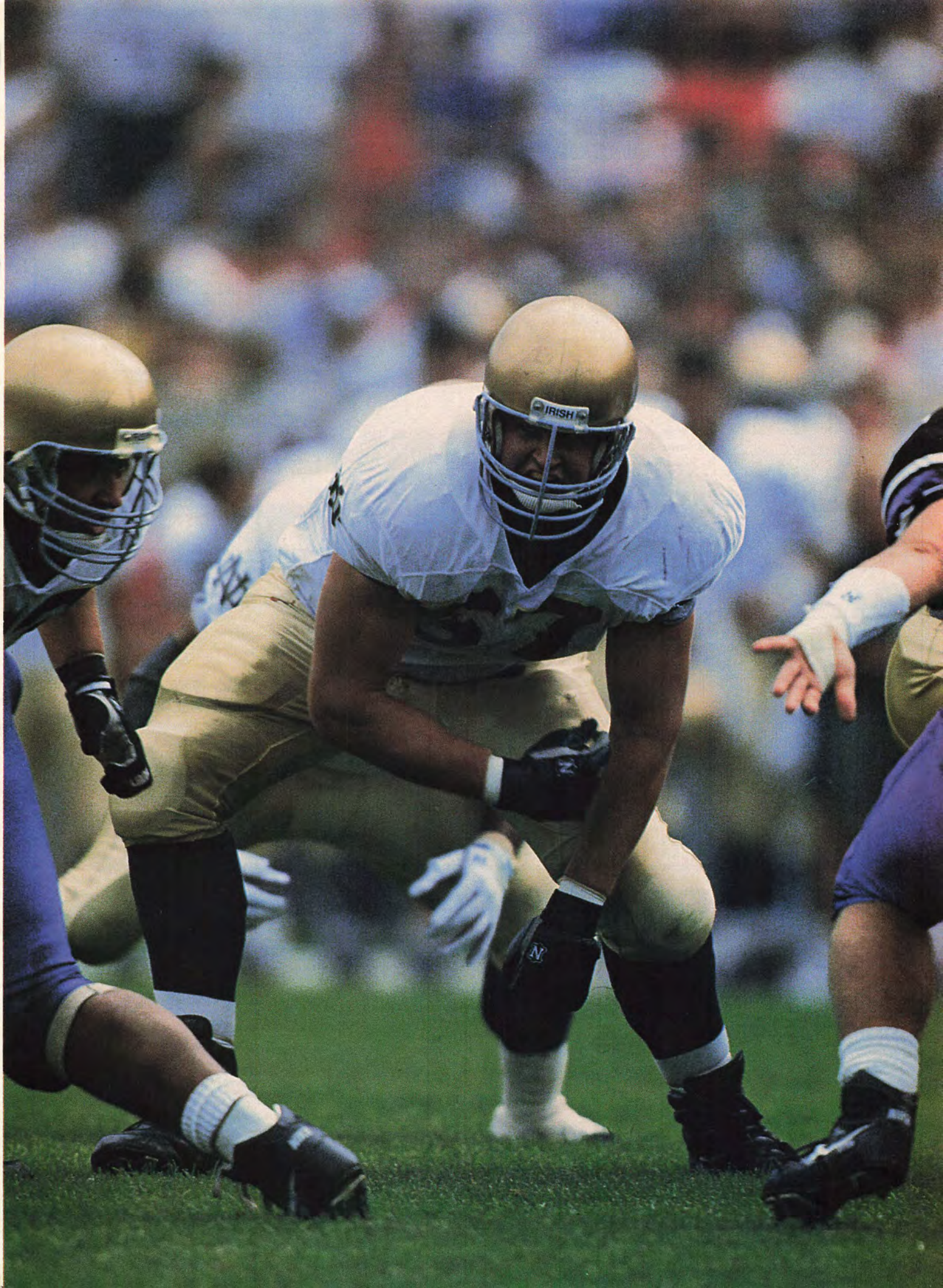
Possible Weaknesses: Offensive line experience, defensive line depth, linebacker speed, secondary, kicking game.

Key Losses: Jeff Burris, S; John Covington, S; Pete Bercich, LB; Bryant Young, DT; Jim Flanigan, DT; Kevin McDougal, QB; Lake Dawson, WR; Todd Norman, OL; Aaron Taylor, OL; Tim Ruddy, C; Kevin Pendergast, K.

Players to Watch: Lee Becton, RB; Brian Hamilton, DT; Bert Berry, OLB; Bobby Taylor, FS; Derrick Mayes, WR; Ray Zellars, FB; Mike Doughty, OT; Oscar McBride, TE; Ron Powlus, QB; Randy Kinder, TB; Jarvis Edison, DB.

THE MOST EXPERIENCED LINEMAN OF THE BUNCH — SENIOR LEFT GUARD MARK ZATAVESKI — NEARLY LOST HIS JOB LAST SPRING TO UNTESTED JUNIOR DUSTY ZEIGLER.

PHOTO BY BOB ROSATO



SPRING ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN	NO.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
57	Joseph Adent	ILB	Jr.	5-11	197	Baroda, MI	79	Chris Kurpeikis	OT	So.	6-7	275	Allison Park, PA
76	Jeremy Akers	C	Jr.	6-5	286	Washington, DC	72	Ryan Leahy	OT	Sr.	6-4	285	Yakima, WA
20	Mark Andrezejewski	SS	Sr.	5-7	167	South Bend	74	Will Lyell	OG	Jr.	6-5	274	Brandon, MS
56	Steve Armbruster	C	Sr.	6-0	220	Palos Hills, IL	81	John Lynch	SE	Jr.	6-2	188	New York, NY
41	Joe Babey	ILB	Jr.	6-2	2254	Louisville, KY	46	Tom MacDonald	SS	Sr.	6-0	196	Chesterfield, MO
23	Brian Baker	SE	Sr.	5-10	169	Fort Wayne	17	Brian Magee	CB	Jr.	5-10	201	Largo, FL
4	Lee Becton	TB	Sr.	6-0	191	Erml, NC	42	Alton Maiden	OLB	Jr.	6-4	248	Dallas, TX
60	Bert Berry	OLB	So.	6-4	221	Humble, TX	1	Derrick Mayes	SE	Jr.	6-1	205	Indianapolis
14	John Bishop	CB	So.	6-0	171	Berryville, AR	80	Oscar McBride	TE	Sr.	6-5	258	Chiefland, FL
40	Kevin Carretta	ILB	Jr.	6-1	227	Fort Wayne	84	Dan McConnell	FL	Jr.	5-10	178	Alton, IL
82	Joe Carroll	SE	Sr.	5-10	182	E. Rockaway, NY	62	Mike McCullough	OG	Jr.	6-3	295	Chaska, MN
20	Citai Champion	SE	So.	5-11	176	Tyler, TX	6	Michael Miller	FL	Sr.	5-7	160	Missouri City, TX
98	Pete Chryplewicz	TE	Jr.	6-5	255	Sterling Heights, MI	64	Steve Misetic	OG	Jr.	6-5	280	Skokie, IL
95	Chris Clevenger	OT	So.	6-7	250	Wichita, KS	26	Mark Monahan	SS	Sr.	6-0	178	Arcola, IL
65	Lyron Cobbins	ILB	So.	6-2	230	Kansas City, KS	23	LaRon Moore	CB	Sr.	5-9	193	Indianapolis
51	Melvin Dansby	DE	So.	6-4	245	Birmingham, AL	14	Emmett Mosley	FL	So.	5-9	179	Aurora, CO
37	Travis Davis	SS	Sr.	6-0	197	Carson, CA	58	Jeremy Nau	OLB	Sr.	6-4	226	Hammond
73	Mike Doughty	OT	So.	6-8	280	Elko, MN	16	Brian Perry	FS	So.	6-1	197	Avon Park, FL
30	Marc Edwards	FB	So.	6-2	221	Norwood, OH	3	Ron Powlus	QB	So.	6-4	218	Berwick, PA
5	Paul Failla	QB	Sr.	6-2	193	Pittsburgh, PA	69	David Quist	DE	Jr.	6-5	264	Boulder, CO
31	Robert Farmer	TB	So.	6-1	210	Bolingbrook, IL	35	Richard Rolle	SE	Jr.	6-1	159	Apple Valley, MN
2	Dan Farrell	TB	So.	6-0	166	South Bend	2	LeShane Saddler	SS	Sr.	5-11	196	Waterloo, IA
94	Reggie Fleurima	NG	Sr.	6-3	266	Evanston, IL	36	Jeremy Sample	ILB	Sr.	5-11	223	Woodridge, IL
86	Ben Foos	DE	Jr.	6-4	244	Louisville, KY	96	Stefan Schreffner	K	Sr.	5-9	164	Honolulu, HI
13	Brian Ford	K/P	So.	6-4	193	Indianapolis, IN	91	Darnell Smith	DE	So.	6-5	265	Milwaukee, WI
42	Mike Frascogna	FL	Sr.	5-8	146	Jackson, MS	18	Wade Smith	QB	Jr.	6-3	182	Garland, TX
23	Bill Gibbs	CB	So.	5-11	167	River Forest, IL	24	Charles Stafford	FL	Sr.	5-10	183	Detroit, MI
71	Herbert Gibson	NG	Sr.	6-5	309	Detroit, MI	50	Greg Stec	C	Sr.	6-2	265	LaGrange, IL
55	Oliver Gibson	NT	Sr.	6-3	275	Romeoville, IL	38	Sim Stokes	CB	So.	6-2	191	Dallas, TX
54	Justin Goheen	ILB	Sr.	6-2	228	Wexford, PA	99	Cliff Stroud	DE	Jr.	6-3	274	Tarentum, PA
27	Tracy Graham	CB	Sr.	5-10	190	Chicago, IL	19	Anthony Swiney	CB	So.	5-11	180	N. Little Rock, AR
93	Paul Grasmanis	NG	Jr.	6-3	277	Jenison, MI	39	Kinnon Tatum	ILB	So.	6-1	209	Fayetteville, NC
90	Brian Hamilton	DE	Sr.	6-3	276	Chicago, IL	21	Bobby Taylor	FS	Jr.	6-3	201	Longview, TX
52	Germaine Holden	DE	Sr.	6-4	252	Anderson, SC	39	Marcus Thorne	ILB	Jr.	6-0	220	Indianapolis
57	Rick Kaczinski	C	So.	6-4	251	Erie, PA	18	Chris Wachtel	P	So.	6-0	204	Massillon, OH
45	Jeff Kilburg	NG	So.	6-4	258	Park Ridge, IL	43	Bill Wagosa	ILB	Jr.	6-2	228	Springfield, MO
25	Randy Kinder	TB	So.	6-1	200	East Lansing, MI	88	Leon Wallace	TE	Jr.	6-3	275	Bedford, TX
35	Tim Klusas	FB	Sr.	5-8	195	Greenwood	22	Shawn Wooden	CB	Sr.	5-11	83	Willow Grove, PA
96	Thomas Knight	DE	Jr.	6-4	228	Memphis, TN	48	Renaldo Wynn	OLB	Jr.	6-3	254	Chicago, IL
53	Jim Kordas	OT	Jr.	6-5	269	Chicago, IL	67	Mark Zataveski	OG	Sr.	6-6	300	Roslyn, PA
89	John Kouris	TE	Jr.	6-3	222	Munster	77	Dusty Zeigler	OG	Jr.	6-6	264	Rincon, GA
11	Tom Krug	QB	So.	6-5	199	Los Gatos, CA	34	Ray Zellars	RB	Sr.	5-11	221	Pittsburgh, PA

FIGHTING IRISH STATISTICS

PASSING

NAME	ATT	COMP	YARDS	PCT	TD	INT
McDougal	159	98	1541	61.6	7	5
Failla	25	19	281	76.0	3	0

RUSHING

NAME	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	TD
Becton	164	1044	6.4	70	6
Kinder	89	537	6.0	70	2
Zellars	99	494	5.0	29	5

RECEIVING

NAME	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	TD
Dawson	25	395	15.9	44	2
Mayes	24	512	21.3	80	2
Miller	19	412	21.7	66	2
Zellars	14	109	7.8	39	3

TACKLES

Goheen (92), Bercich (71), Young (67),
Lane (58), Covington (58), Burris (53),
Taylor (51), Flanigan (51)

INTERCEPTIONS

Taylor (4), Burris (3), Covington (2),
Lane (1), Bercich (1), Wooden (1)

COACH: LOU HOLTZ

77-19-18 years; 193-84-5 overall, 24 years

1993 Record: 11-1-0 overall

Stadium: Notre Dame Stadium (59,075)

FIGHTING IRISH OFFENSE

NUMBER	QUARTERBACK	YEAR
3	Ron Powlus	Sophomore
11	Tom Krug	Sophomore
NUMBER	FULLBACK	YEAR
34	Ray Zellars*	Senior
30	Marc Edwards	Sophomore
NUMBER	TAILBACK	YEAR
4	Lee Becton*	Senior
25	Randy Kinder	Sophomore
NUMBER	FLANKER	YEAR
24	Charles Stafford	Senior
14	Emmett Mosley	Sophomore
NUMBER	SPLIT END	YEAR
1	Derrick Mayes*	Junior
81	John Lynch	Junior
NUMBER	TIGHT END	YEAR
80	Oscar McBride	Senior
98	Pete Chryplewicz*	Junior
NUMBER	LEFT TACKLE	YEAR
43	Mike Doughty	Sophomore
95	Chris Clevenger	Sophomore
NUMBER	LEFT GUARD	YEAR
77	Dusty Zeigler	Junior
67	Mark Zataveski*	Senior
NUMBER	CENTER	YEAR
57	Rick Kaczinski	Sophomore
74	Will Lyell	Junior
NUMBER	RIGHT GUARD	YEAR
76	Jeremy Akers	Junior
74	Will Lyell	Junior
NUMBER	RIGHT TACKLE	YEAR
72	Ryan Leahy*	Senior
53	Jim Kordas	Junior

*Returning Starter

FIGHTING IRISH DEFENSE

NUMBER	LEFT END	YEAR
90	Brian Hamilton*	Senior
96	Thomas Knight	Junior
NUMBER	NOSE TACKLE	YEAR
55	Oliver Gibson	Senior
93	Paul Grasmanis	Junior
NUMBER	RIGHT END	YEAR
52	Germaine Holden	Senior
51	Melvin Dansby	Sophomore
NUMBER	OUTSIDE LINEBACKER	YEAR
48	Renaldo Wynn	Junior
42	Alton Maiden	Junior
NUMBER	INSIDE LINEBACKER	YEAR
54	Justin Goheen*	Senior
65	Lyron Cobbins	Sophomore
NUMBER	INSIDE LINEBACKER	YEAR
36	Jeremy Sample	Senior
39	Kinnon Tatum	Sophomore
NUMBER	OUTSIDE LINEBACKER	YEAR
60	Bert Berry*	Sophomore
58	Jeremy Nau	Senior
NUMBER	CORNERBACK	YEAR
17	Brian Magee	Junior
26	Mark Monahan	Junior
NUMBER	CORNERBACK	YEAR
23	LaRon Moore	Senior
38	Sim Stokes	Sophomore
NUMBER	STRONG SAFETY	YEAR
37	Travis Davis	Senior
2	LeShane Saddler	Senior
NUMBER	FREE SAFETY	YEAR
21	Bobby Taylor*	Junior
16	Brian Perry	Sophomore

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already recognize the name Ron Powlus, and recall that the 6-2, 218-pounder left Berwick (Pa.) High in 1993 considered one of the best quarterbacks in Pennsylvania's proud prep football history. He chose Notre Dame, and had it not been for a freak practice accident last August when he broke his right clavicle, it would have been Powlus, and not McDougal, who took the season's first snap.

But he didn't, and the phenom with the powerful and precise right arm instead learned patience. Powlus re-broke the same bone in a comeback attempt late last fall, shelving him for the season and sparking doubts about his durability.

But nobody from South Bend to Miami to Los Angeles doubts his ability. If they do, Holtz bets they won't after a few fall Saturdays.

"He is not your average run-of-the-mill quarterback," said Holtz, who will begin his 25th season as a head coach this fall. "That sucker must be able to see through people. He sees things that I don't see."

Powlus saw his receivers a little easier last spring than he will this fall because no Notre Dame pass rusher was allowed to hit him in practice. Holtz, concerned about the player around whom he will build his offense, deemed Powlus off-limits. The sophomore ran the first-team offense, wore a bright yellow No. 3 jersey and made the Irish secondary red-faced with his passes. If Powlus is gun-shy from last season's injuries, opposing coaches may wish their quarterbacks would be so bashful.

"There's no reason to think I won't be 100 percent," Powlus said. "I've heard all those same questions. I don't worry about them. There's nothing I can do about them. I'm just the same person I was before I got hurt. That's the only way I know how to act and the only way I know how to play football."

The combination of Powlus and new offensive coordinator Dave Roberts, former head coach at pass-oriented Northeast Louisiana, suggests Notre Dame may revamp its passing game. And though handoff-happy Holtz maintains the right of

refusal on every play called, quality targets return for Powlus if the Irish decide to loosen up defenses with an occasional pass.

Junior Derrick Mayes, a big-game receiver, enjoyed his finest spring. He and Powlus possess the potential to be one of

anyone forget Lee Becton, perhaps the one runner in the country who does the most with the least.

Becton gained 1,044 yards in 1993 and each one seemed to hurt. The program lists Becton as weighing 191

pounds, but shirtless he looks more like someone who would deliver a forearm rather than a forearm. Yet in the same way Becton overcame childhood asthma and allergies, he has overcome his lack of speed and strength with style and savvy.

"Lee Becton is the slowest big-play runner I've ever seen," Holtz likes to say about the '93 Doak Walker Finalist.

Whether Holtz needs to eat the clock or electrify his offense, Becton will be the first running back asked.

How reliant Notre Dame becomes on the ground game again depends on its defense. History has repeated itself often in the last few seasons in South Bend: The ultimate fate of the Irish has been decided by how many points they surrender. What possibly may have gone down in the blue-and-gold annals as one of the most exciting defensive seasons Touch-down Jesus had ever witnessed was forever tainted last Nov. 20.

More than Gordon's field goal, more than the last-minute drive engineered so skillfully by Boston College, the effortless manner in which the Eagles pecked away for yardage



"LEE BECTON IS THE SLOWEST BIG-PLAY RUNNER I'VE EVER SEEN," HOLTZ LIKES TO SAY ABOUT THE '93 DOAK WALKER FINALIST.

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the country's most dangerous connections. Speedster Michael Miller should divert opposing secondaries' attention enough to free Mayes. Miller, one of Notre Dame's fastest players, never has been able to catch up to the immense expectations held for him since he came to South Bend as the nation's No. 1 recruit four seasons ago. He gives the Irish the deep threat to complement Mayes.

If either weapon becomes injured, or if Powlus goes down again, the offense becomes predictable, but remains potent.

Facing a short-yardage dilemma? Fullbacks Ray Zellars and Marc Edwards trip and fall forward three yards. Trying to get outside? Toss it to Randy Kinder and watch him turn on the speed that made him an All-American sprinter during the indoor track season. Looking for ball control? Lest

and poured on 41 points at Notre Dame Stadium on the last week of the season against a unit defending the No. 1 ranking in the country inscribed an indelible scar.

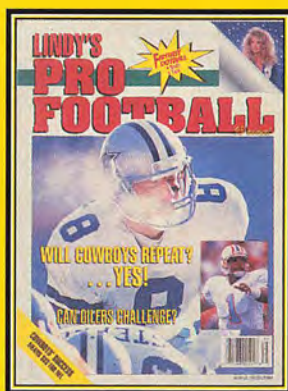
"I may never get over that (loss)," Holtz said last spring, "but it's over."

The Irish have tried hard to sweep any memories under the Astroturf. No more talk about the national championship that wasn't. No more breaking down the game film to detect the breakdowns. No more regret. Forgetting became easier when three defensive coaches off last year's staff left for new jobs.

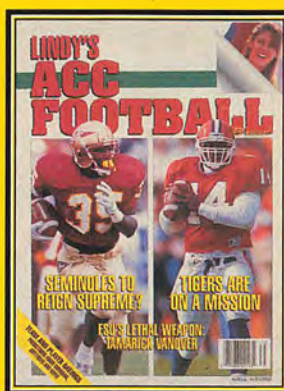
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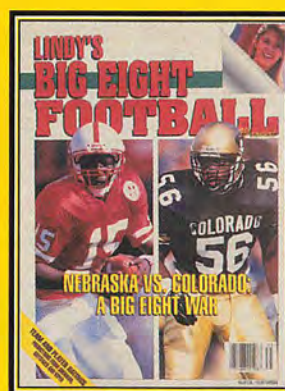
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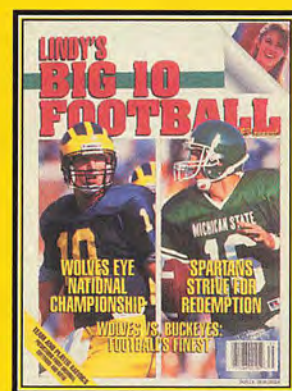
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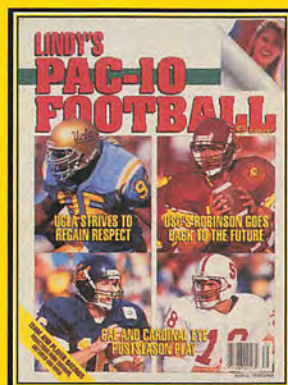
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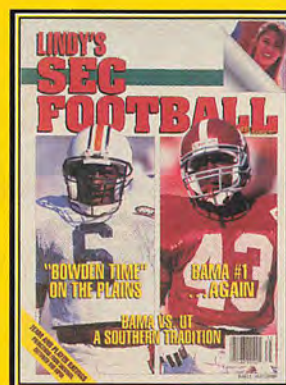
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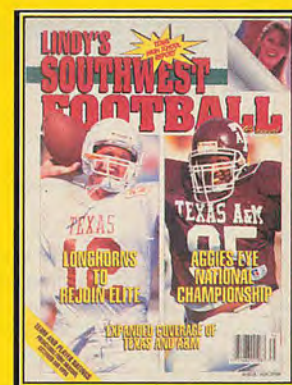
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Kurt BELISLE LB	6-3, 220	Bradley, IL	Bishop McNamara
Prep Football Report All-American... USA Today honorable mention All-American... Super Prep rated among nation's Top 25 linebackers... Fifth-ranked defensive end by Max Emfinger... All-State... Averaged 15 tackles per game as a senior... Had six sacks and 18 tackles for losses... Had more than 300 career tackles.			
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Ranked third nationally in athlete category by Super Prep... USA Today honorable mention All-American... Prep Football Report All-American... Super Prep Far West Offensive Player of the Year... In 1993, threw for 715 yards, rushed for 803 yards and scored 22 touchdowns.			
Ivory COVINGTON DB	5-11, 155	Decatur, GA	Dunwoody
All-State... Made 110 tackles, including 70 solo, in 1993... Had eight interceptions, returning four for touchdowns... Helped team to 15-0 record and state title... Sprinter in track.			
Jarvis EDISON DB	6-5, 210	Bay City, TX	Bay City
Parade All-American... Second-team USA Today All-American... Rated fifth-best defensive back nationally by Super Prep... Ranked ninth by BLUECHIP Illustrated... Made 75 solo tackles and 30 assists, plus five interceptions, as a senior... First-team All-State... Had 185 career solo tackles, 90 assists and 11 interceptions.			
Ty GOODE WR	6-1, 173	Lincoln, NE	Southeast
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Malcolm JOHNSON WR	6-5, 195	Washington, DC	Gonzaga
Prep Football Report All-American... Rated 17th-best receiver nationally by Super Prep, which named him Mid-Atlantic Defensive Player of the Year... Washington Post All-Metro... Caught 38 passes for 735 yards and six touchdowns as a senior... Made 29 tackles.			
Jeff KRAMER LB	6-3, 215	Weatherford, TX	Weatherford
USA Today honorable mention All-American... Ranked seventh-best linebacker nationally by BLUECHIP Illustrated... Three-year starter... Team captain... Had 128 tackles (87 solo), with three fumble recoveries, five caused fumbles, three interceptions, six sacks and 29 tackles for losses as a senior.			
John McLAUGHLIN DB	6-4, 225	Valencia, CA	Hart
Caught 25 passes for 494 yards and four touchdowns in 1993... Had 62 tackles, despite missing four games due to injury... Ranked in top 20 nationally in athlete category by Super Prep... Long Beach Press-Telegram Best-of-the-West... Averaged 35 yards on kickoff returns.			

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Paul MICKELBART OL	6-4, 270	Bothell, WA	Cascade
USA Today honorable mention All-American... Seventh-best prospect in Northwest according to Super Prep... Ranked fourth-best offensive guard by Max Emfinger... Played offensive and defensive tackle... All-State.			
Bill MITOULAS LB	6-0, 210	Toronto, Ontario	Northern Secondary
Played defensive end at secondary school... Made about 20 tackles per game.			
Gus ORNSTEIN QB	6-5, 205	Tenafly, NJ	Fieldston
All-East Offensive Player of the Year by Prep Football Report... Listed as one of top 12 signal callers nationally by Chicago Sun-Times... Completed 83 of 161 passes for 1,101 yards and 10 touchdowns in 1993... Career totals of 4,130 passing yards and 25 scores... Played basketball and baseball, hitting .520 as switch-hitting first baseman.			
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USA Today honorable mention All-American... Prep Football Report All-American, rated as one of top 23 defensive linemen nationally... Caught 22 passes, including five for touchdowns, in 1993... Had 90 tackles and 15 sacks... Member of basketball and track teams.			
Corey REDDER LB	6-3, 210	Forestville, MD	Largo
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Clement STOKES RB	6-1, 195	Washington, DC	Archbishop Carroll
Prep Football Report All-American... All-Atlantic Coast Defensive Player of the Year... Gatorade Player of the Year in District of Columbia... USA Today honorable mention All-American... Ranked eighth-best runner nationally by Super Prep... Rushed 144 times for 1,401 yards and 16 touchdowns in only seven games in 1993... Made 49 tackles and three interceptions.			
Larry WRIGHT RB/DB	5-11, 190	West Monroe, LA	West Monroe
Played tailback and cornerback... All-District... Honorable mention All-State... Helped team to state championship... Rushed for 1,680 yards and 20 touchdowns with 8.9 yards per carry average in 1993... Played on basketball team.			

FIGHTING IRISH UPDATE

Defense dominated spring football practice at Notre Dame. Almost as much as change did. New defensive coordinator Bob Davie's unit disrupted offenses with an assortment of stunts and blitzes. A different cast also emerged during the 15 workouts. The newness made it obvious to coach Lou Holtz and others that the similarities between last fall's second-ranked team and next fall's team will be almost nil.

For instance, Notre Dame's center in '93 — Tim Ruddy, one of 10 players drafted in April by the NFL — made snapping the ball as involuntary as breathing. Last spring, Notre Dame centers once botched the exchange with the quarterback four times during a 60-minute scrimmage.

After several auditions, it appears senior Mark Zlatavski will head into August as the No. 1 snapper.

And, of course, the No. 1 receiver of the snap will be quarterback Ron Powlus, the phenom who wore a yellow jersey to protect his twice-broken collarbone from contact. On Powlus' first play in front of an audience at the annual Blue-Gold game, he fired a 26-yard touchdown pass, raising expectations another orbit.

"There's no doubt whatever that Ron Powlus is the No. 1 quarterback coming back next fall," Holtz said, as relieved as the most rabid fan that Powlus will return next August in one piece. He also dubbed Powlus the No. 1 punter.

Though frustrated by his limited participation, the 6-2, 218-pound Powlus picked up the necessary subtleties in the Irish offense.

"I'm glad I just got to do anything," he said. "After I got hurt the second

time, Coach Holtz said I wouldn't do anything in the spring, so it's been a plus."

It would help his progress if senior flanker Michael Miller returned, but that seemed unlikely after spring practice. Miller and cornerback Tracy Graham were targets of an investigation into stolen merchandise that was found at their off-campus apartment. Though the St. Joseph County prosecutor chose not to press charges, the university's office of student affairs has the final say on the students' eligibility. Their status may not be clear until the first day of two-a-day practices in August.

Without Miller as a deep threat, the Irish will rely even more heavily on the running game. Each of Notre Dame's running backs enjoyed stellar springs, especially senior Heisman hopeful Lee Becton, but the holes closed quicker than they did last fall.

The offensive line needs a leader, but it first needs good health. Injuries and inexperience combined to make Notre Dame's first taste of life without Aaron Taylor a sour one.

Tackle Ryan Leahy, coming off arthroscopic knee surgery, will be asked to assume a greater leadership role for guys like sophomore Mike Doughty, the promising starter at left tackle without a second of game experience.

Speaking of promise, the Irish defense provided plenty. The freer 3-4 scheme agrees with the young, hungry, talent that didn't accept the cerebral style under Rick Minter.

The interior three — Brian Hamilton, Germaine Holden, and Oliver Gibson — each performed better than ever, Holtz believed.

with the Cincinnati Bengals), and Keith Armstrong (an assistant with the Atlanta Falcons), changed addresses in hopes their memories would follow suit.

Enter Bob Davie, Notre Dame's new defensive coordinator from Texas A&M. With the Aggies, Davie liked his players fast and physical, and his taste in tacklers hasn't changed in South Bend.

"As far as a football player goes, there are two things," Davie explained. "The ability to make plays; he has to be a play-maker. The second thing is always speed over size."

Immediately, Notre Dame defenders began learning a 3-4 scheme instead of the old 4-3. Two of the interior three return from last season — burly Brian Hamilton and Oliver Gibson. The duo will free Davie up to focus on the four linebackers, a unit that must wreak havoc on quarterbacks and roam sideline-to-side-line for running backs.

Inside linebacker Justin Goheen led the Irish in tackles last season as a junior. He will be joined inside either by converted safety Kinnon Tatum or senior Jeremy Sample. Flanking them will be outside

linebackers Bert Berry, a freshman starter in '93, and Renaldo Wynn, both coached by newly hired assistant Kirk Doll — another former Texas A&M aide.

That young players like Melvin Dansby, Lyron Cobbins, and Alton Maiden will compete for a spot along the front seven excites Davie more than it worries him.

"The best players will play," he said. "I don't have any concern with youth. Our scheme will be simple enough that we'll get the best players on the field."

That approach comes as welcome news in the secondary. Simplicity will be stressed — and embraced. The Irish defense became so complex in the last two seasons that players wore wristbands with the coverages typed on a card to help make calls.

Discarding the "cheat-sheets" also will enable some players to discard some tentativeness, fifth-year senior safety LeShane Saddler believes. Saddler, playing for his third defensive coordinator, will battle Travis Davis for the starting spot at strong safety.

"Last year, we said we would 'Attack, attack, attack,' and then we would play a

thinking man's defense," Saddler said. "This year, we will have an attacking style and just line up and play."

That suits Bobby Taylor, who lines up and plays as well as any defensive back in America. A Thorpe Award Finalist last season as a sophomore cornerback, Taylor will be switched to free safety to take advantage of his outstanding speed and range.

"He is the eraser," Holtz stated.

Some mistakes from inexperienced cornerbacks may need erasing. Last spring, LaRon Moore, who missed '93 because of academics, and Brian Magee, who spent '93 as a safety, won the starting jobs.

"Cornerback may be an area where we need some help from a freshman," Holtz said. He has two of the country's best prep defensive backs arriving in August — Jarvis Edison and Ivory Covington.

Still, Holtz hates to count on freshmen. Actually, it isn't his nature to count on anything positive before the first block or tackle. He prefers a degree of pessimism.

"You just can't take anything for granted this year," Holtz said.

At Notre Dame, that usually warns fans to expect a 9-2 season. □

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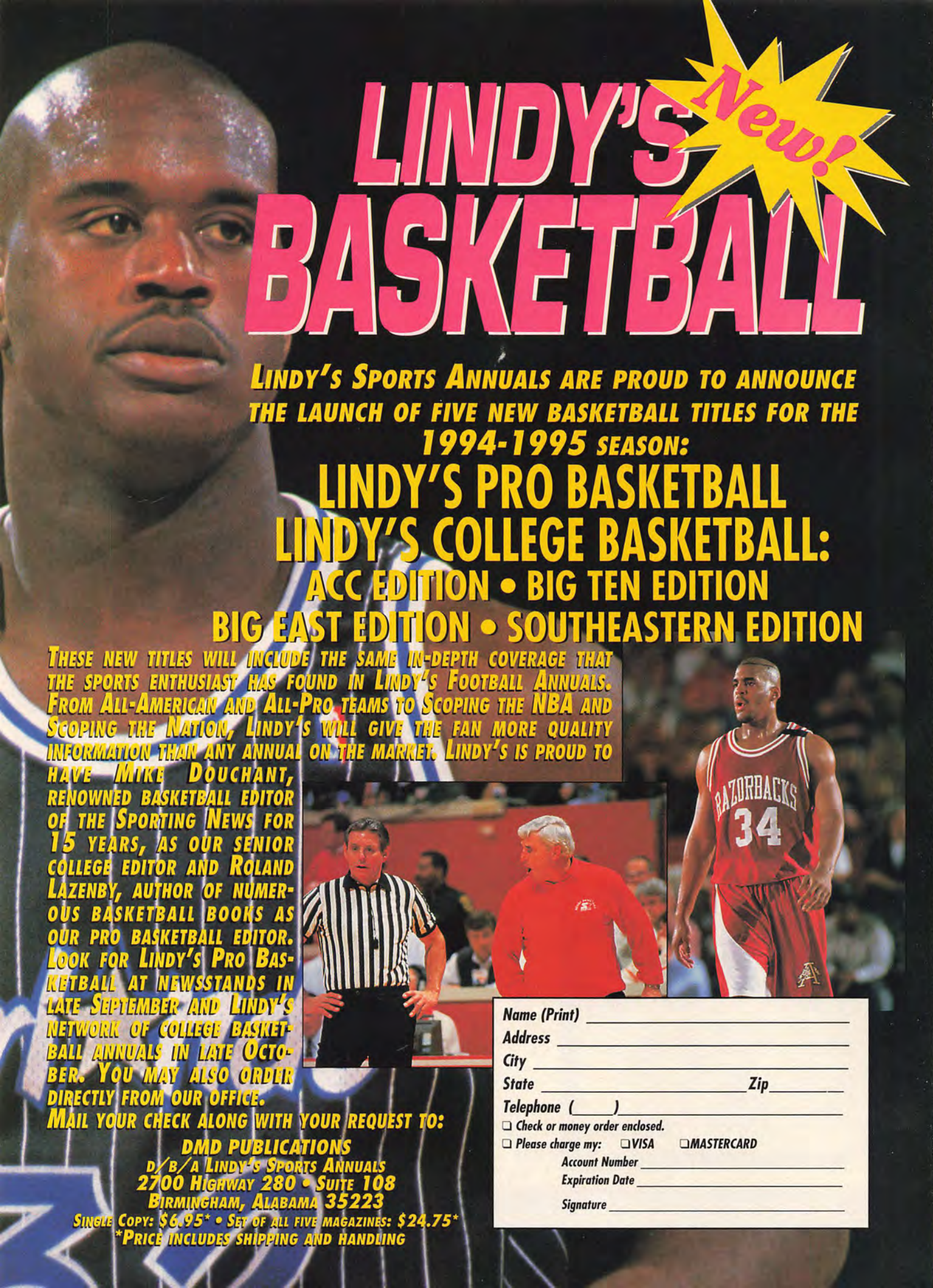
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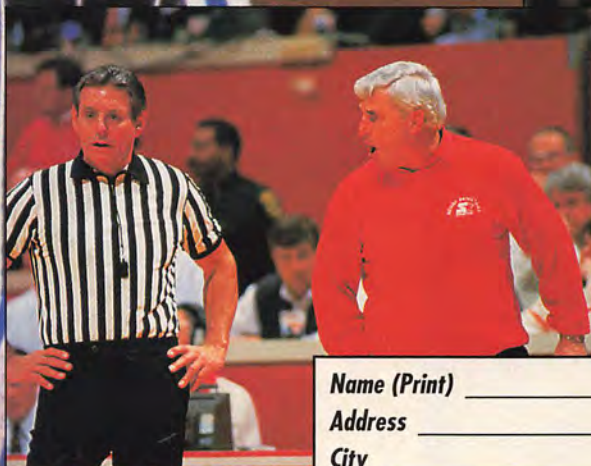
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HUDSON*	Colorado	15	175	0	11.67
C. JOHNSON	Colorado	18	171	0	9.5
DIXON	Nebraska	24	223	0	9.29
D. JOHNSON*	Oklahoma	25	212	0	8.48

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DENSON*	Oklahoma St.	16	375	1	23.44
BAKER*	Missouri	18	357	0	19.83
JENKINS*	Missouri	19	317	0	16.68

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VERNER	Oklahoma St.	4	96	24	1	1.36
BUSH*	Oklahoma	4	71	17.8	0	.36
McINTOSH*	Missouri	4	52	13	0	.36
HUDSON*	Colorado	4	27	6.8	1	.36
RANDOLPH	Kansas State	4	13	3.3	0	.36
COLLIER	Colorado	4	10	2.5	0	.36

TOP FIELD GOAL KICKERS

NAME	SCHOOL	FG	FGA	Pct	FG/G
BERGER	Colorado	13	19	.684	1.18
EICHLOFF	Kansas	13	22	.591	1.08
VAUGHN*	Oklahoma St.	11	14	.786	1.00
STEWART*	Iowa State	11	15	.733	1.00
WRIGHT	Kansas State	10	15	.667	.91
BLANTON*	Oklahoma	10	16	.625	.91
POOLER*	Missouri	6	9	.667	.55

TOP RUSHERS

NAME	SCHOOL	No	YARDS	AVG	TD	Yds/G
JONES	Nebraska	185	1043	5.6	12	115.89
HENLEY*	Kansas	233	1127	4.8	12	93.92
SALAAM*	Colorado	161	844	5.2	8	93.78
WARREN	Colorado	183	900	4.9	7	81.82
SMITH*	Kansas State	190	748	3.9	10	68.0
ALLEN*	Oklahoma	153	739	4.8	1	67.18

TOP PUNTERS

NAME	SCHOOL	No	YARDS	AVG
TYNER	Oklahoma St.	75	3249	43.32
POOLER*	Missouri	72	3056	42.44
EICHLOFF	Kansas	59	2450	41.53
BENNETT	Nebraska	46	1896	41.22
BERGER	Colorado	57	2320	40.70
ROMANO*	Kansas State	58	2253	38.84

TOP PASSERS

NAME	SCHOOL	ATT	COMP	Pct	YARDS	Yds/ATT	TD	INT	Comp/G	Yds/G	POINTS
GUNDY	Oklahoma	243	144	59.26	2096	8.63	14	6	13.09	190.5	145.8
UTTER*	Iowa State	105	60	57.14	893	8.50	6	9	10.00	89.3	130.3
PRESTON*	Kansas	159	97	61.01	1233	7.75	3	3	8.81	112.0	128.6
FRAZIER*	Nebraska	162	77	47.53	1159	7.15	12	4	7.00	105.3	127.1

* Returning Players

AROUND THE Big 8 THERE'S COACHING CONSISTENCY IN THE BIG EIGHT

Changing Of The Guard

When Missouri coach Bob Stull was nudged out after last season, an unprecedented era of stability among Big Eight Conference football coaches came to an end.

In a profession — and a conference — known for its flux, the Big Eight had enjoyed a remarkable run of five seasons without a coaching change. Its previous longest such period was three seasons (1979-81).

If that doesn't sound like an eternity, consider that no other major conference was without at least one change in the same five years. And consider that since Tom Osborne took over at Nebraska in 1973, he has faced 28 different coaches at conference schools. From 1982-89, at least one conference school made a football coaching change each season.

"I think for a spell there was a bit of a fruit basket turnover situation in this league," Oklahoma State coach Pat Jones said.

Now, every conference coach — including Stull's replacement, Larry Smith — is under contract through at least 1997.

Off The Wagon

This season Oklahoma replaces its threadbare, 12-year-old AstroTurf with grass, another in a long list of stadiums around the country where the schools are saying farewell to the fake stuff and welcoming back natural grass. That comes as good news to OU fans — and certainly to Boomer VI and Sooner VI, the horses who took a tumble with the Sooner Schooner during OU's 27-10 loss to Colorado. Although they were unhurt in the fall, they put a gash in the turf (it was temporarily mended with duct tape).

Some blamed the flimsy turf for the mishap; others blamed it on inexperience up front: Boomer and Sooner were in their first year on duty.

Back In The Saddle

Just two seasons ago, there were nasty rumblings that the landlubbing, roughhouse Big Eight was no longer a

factor in the national picture. The high-falutin' modern game had passed it by.

When football fans around the country thought of the Big Eight, they thought of Oklahoma's wishbone and Nebraska's ponderous backs. It was considered a conference where a forward pass was as welcome as a wolf among a herd of sheep.

The 1991 season ended without a Big Eight presence in the final *Associated Press* Top 10 for the first time in 21 years; the conference's record against outside opposition was a mere 18-13-1.

Oklahoma had been shackled by NCAA probation and an identity crisis. Nebraska was too one-dimensional to compete nationally — and doomed never to win a big one under coach Tom Osborne. Colorado had enjoyed its 15 minutes of fame. And for all the renovations at Kansas and Kansas State, skeptics still scoffed at Sunflower State football.

Or so it seemed. The "drought" didn't last long. In 1993, Nebraska fell three points short of a national championship against Florida State in the Orange Bowl. Kansas State walloped Wyoming 52-17 in the Copper Bowl. Four Big Eight teams were in the final polls for the first time since 1976, and just the third time ever. And the Big Eight's 3-1 record in postseason play tied the Pac-10 for the best record among conferences. It was the Big Eight's best bowl effort since it achieved the same record in 1976. The league's 21-11-1 (.623) record in nonconference play was its best since 1981.

Balancing Act

And who says the Big Eight hasn't adjusted, anyway? The 1993 season represented the fifth time in league history that every team rushed and passed for 1,000 yards. In fact, it was the fourth successive season that each team has done so.

From Parody To Parity

Contrary to its history, the Big Eight's 1993 overall success wasn't predicated solely on the strength of one or two dominant teams. The so-called Big Three of Nebraska,

Oklahoma, and Colorado no longer can wade through the conference opposition.

In 1987, the average margin of victory in the 28 league contests was 27.43 points a game. Only four games were decided by fewer than 10 points. During one four-week stretch that year, Nebraska waffled Kansas, Oklahoma State, K-State, and Mizzou by a combined score of 187-12.

"There's a greater disparity and separation in the conference right now that there's ever been," then-Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer said at the time.

In 1993, reflecting stability and reduced scholarship limits and upgraded coaching, the average margin of victory was just 14.60 points a game. Ten games were decided by fewer than 10 points, nine by five or fewer.

Basic Instinct

Speaking of Switzer, the new Dallas Cowboy coach, provided the highlight of Oklahoma's spring varsity-alumni game. As former Heisman Trophy winner Steve Owens was trudging, er, dashing, to the end of a 57-yard touchdown run — thanks to an unwritten OU tradition of letting the geezers have one — Switzer scurried off the sideline and jumped on Owens' back.

"I could see they were playing 'New York Life' defense," said Switzer, referring to an old television advertisement. "So I jumped on his back and rode him down... he told me it was the hardest he had ever been hit."

Crossover Step

Nebraska's 18-16 Orange Bowl loss was speckled with controversial officiating calls that went against the 'Huskers, a matter that Nebraska basketball coach Danny Nee broached shortly thereafter at an Omaha luncheon.

"I really felt we got (swindled) in the Orange Bowl," Nee said. "Osborne can't say it, but I can: That was the worst officiating I've seen."

Sorry, Danny, you can't say it either. Nee was reprimanded by the Big Eight for his comment.

Noteworthy

Eighty-eight former Big Eight players were on National Football League rosters at the beginning of the 1993 season, up from 71 in 1992 ... Nebraska's Trev Alberts and Missouri's Mike Bedosky won National Football Foundation Fellowship Postgraduate Scholarships, giving the Big Eight 10 such grants in the last four years — the best among all conferences ... Of the conference's top 15 rushers last season, none were seniors. And only one of the top 10 quarterbacks — Oklahoma's Cale Gundy — was a senior ... Iowa State's Ty Stewart made 11 of 15 field goals in 1993 — including two from 58 yards out, the nation's longest of the season ... Iowa State Jim Walden is 0-16 against Big Ten schools. Traditional rival Iowa is on the Cyclones' 1994 schedule ... Five of Kansas State's 13 regular season non-conference victories the last four seasons have been over Division I-AA teams. □

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KANSAS JAYHAWKS

OFFENSIVE LINE COMMANDS ATTENTION

By Kurt Caywood



Down by seven points and 80 yards from a score, Kansas did to Nebraska last season what Nebraska had done to the Jayhawks forever: They ran. Rampant. Of 18 plays, 13 were carries by freshman phenom June Henley, and Henley produced 56 yards and a touchdown.

The Jayhawks went for two points and the win. They failed, but they made one point with the loss.

"I think if you think about Kansas football now, you think of a dominant running game," senior fullback Chris Powell said.

It starts with the offensive line, which KU coach Glen Mason says will be the best in the Big Eight this season. It continues at fullback, where, in his oversized helmet, Powell looks like the cartoon alien Gazoo but blocks like Godzilla. And it winds up at tailback, where Henley, who played as a backup for nearly half of last season, set the Big Eight record for rushing yards by a freshman with 1,127 and was named Offensive Newcomer of the Year.

It was three years ago that Tony Sands finished his career by breaking the NCAA record for single-game rushing with 396 yards against Missouri. Sands, the Jayhawks' all-time leading rusher, is now a graduate assistant coach at his alma mater.

"Tony Sands says to me everyday, 'Man, why didn't you recruit those offensive linemen when I was around here?'" Mason said. "I tell Tony, 'You're lucky you're not playing now, because you're not good enough to beat these guys out.'"

JUNE HENLEY, WHO PLAYED AS A BACKUP FOR NEARLY HALF OF LAST SEASON, SET THE BIG EIGHT RECORD FOR RUSHING YARDS BY A FRESHMAN WITH 1,127 AND WAS NAMED OFFENSIVE NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR.

PHOTO BY JOHN WILLIAMSON

Henley didn't start grabbing headlines until halfway through the season, because he was caddy for two other tailbacks — senior George White and sophomore L.T. Levine. White went down with a knee injury in the Jayhawks' second game and spent the rest of the season as a medical redshirt. A groin injury kept Levine out of Kansas' last three games.

And in the Jayhawks' season-ending win over Missouri, who should lead them in rushing but Henley's backup, redshirt sophomore Mark Sanders.

"We've got good running backs," Mason said. "There are some forgotten guys. As of lately, everybody wants to give a lot of publicity to June Henley, and he deserves it. But he got his chance because a number of guys, who we think are just as good, went down before him."

That thinking doesn't stop at tailback.

Two seasons ago, Kansas competed for the Big Eight championship before taking third place and making its first bowl appearance in over a decade. A win over Brigham Young in the Aloha Bowl sealed

an 8-4 record and raised hopes that the Jayhawks could continue to build in 1993.

What built was their frustration. Starting in spring practice and continuing through a 42-0 loss to eventual national champion Florida State in the Kickoff Classic, the Jayhawks suffered injuries at an alarming rate. By the end of the season, only four players had started every game.

That was the bad news during a disappointing 1993 season that saw KU play seven bowl-bound teams and finish 5-7.

The good news was that, when Mason opened spring drills this year, he welcomed back 18 players who started at least one game on offense, 15 players who started at least one game on defense, and a total of 47 lettermen and 20 seniors. Broken down, KU returns players who accounted for 98.4 percent of its rushing yards, 27 of 29 touchdowns and 90 of 137 pass receptions.

"It's not like we're going out and working with a bunch of rookies," Mason said. "We've got a lot of guys who have game experience. I feel like I'm born again. Not a religious born again, an athletic born again. I'm excited."

There's a reason Henley looked so good running the ball last season. "You're looking at five solid offensive linemen," said Powell, the fullback. "A great offensive line can make an average back look like an All-American."

Two All-Big Eight guards anchor the line. Hessley Hempstead, a 6-1, 295-pound senior, has started all 34 games in his career, and John Jones, a 6-1, 285-pound senior and the Jayhawks' 1993 Most Valuable Player, has started 24 straight.

"(Jones) is the best guard in the Big Eight Conference, bar none," Mason said. "We had an offensive line coach from the University of Michigan come in. He said, 'Boy, can your guards play. I've not seen a better pair anywhere in the country.'"

KANSAS AT A GLANCE

Team Strengths: Offensive line, running backs, experience.

Possible Weaknesses: Defensive line, kicking game.

Key Losses: Dan Eichloff, PK/P; Dwayne Chandler, TE; Dan Schmidt, C; Chris Maumalanga, DT; Mike Steele, DT; Larry Thiel, ILB; Clint Bowen, FS.

Players to Watch: Tony Blevins, DB; Gerald McBurrows, DB; June Henley, RB; John Jones, OG; Hessley Hempstead, OG; Asheiki Preston, QB; Don Davis, OLB; Ronnie Ward, OLB; Sylvester Wright, DE.

SPRING ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
78	Mark Allison	OT	So.	6-3	280	Minneapolis
64	Mike Arbana	OT	Fr.	6-5	267	Calumet City, IL
62	Chris Banks	OG	So.	6-2	270	Lexington, MO
79	Ahmad Belcher	DT	Fr.	6-5	290	Kansas City, MO
4	Martin Blakeney	SS	So.	5-11	192	Leavenworth
28	Tony Blevins	DB	Fr.	6-0	170	Kansas City
45	Spencer Bonner	FB	So.	5-11	188	Oak Park, IL
17	Dorian Brew	CB	So.	5-10	170	Florissant, MO
94	Darnell Britt	DT	Jr.	6-1	250	Detroit, MI
56	Jason Brown	DE	Fr.	6-4	238	Stanley
81	Jason Burritt	TE	So.	6-4	215	Lansing
80	Andre Carter	WR	Fr.	5-10	150	Tampa, FL
71	Derrick Chandler	OT	Fr.	6-7	308	Lynwood, CA
74	Troy Chandler	OT	Jr.	6-3	286	Grand Island, NE
11	Charles Davis	CB	Fr.	6-0	185	Tampa, FL
39	Don Davis	OLB	Jr.	6-1	212	Olathe
14	Van Davis	QB	Jr.	5-11	205	Lakewood, CO
59	Derek Fairchild	OLB	So.	6-1	198	St. Louis, MO
87	Ryan Fay	WR	So.	5-6	158	Hutchinson
55	Bill Freund, Jr.	OLB	Fr.	6-3	215	Prairie Village
13	Hosea Friday	WR	Fr.	6-1	188	Detroit, MI
24	Maurdie Gaddie	DB	Fr.	5-10	175	Detroit, MI
30	Eric Galbreath	FB	Fr.	6-1	195	Jefferson City, MO
33	Costello Good	FB	Jr.	6-1	212	Wichita
25	Cliff Griffin	CB	Fr.	5-10	175	Kansas City, MO
92	Troy Harper	DT	Jr.	6-4	275	Okeechobee, FL
29	Harold Harris	OLB	Jr.	5-11	205	Lawrence
84	Rodney Harris	WR	Jr.	6-6	210	Kansas City
52	Steve Harvey	MLB	Jr.	6-3	234	Leavenworth
66	Hessley Hempstead	OG	Jr.	6-1	295	Upland, CA
20	June Henley	RB	Fr.	5-11	190	Columbus, OH
41	Dick Holt	MLB	So.	6-2	215	Wichita
63	Joe Hornback	C	So.	6-2	277	Des Moines, IA
5	Dennard Hutchinson	DB	Fr.	6-4	195	Dania, FL
88	Derrick Irvin	WR	Fr.	5-9	165	Plantation, FL
18	Mett Johnner	QB	Fr.	6-1	180	Costa Mesa, Ca
40	Rodrick Johnson	RB	Fr.	5-11	205	Newark, NJ
49	Chris Jones	OLB	Fr.	6-2	210	Newton

NO.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
69	John Jones	OG	Jr.	6-1	285	Los Angeles, CA
37	Manalito Jones	RB	Fr.	5-9	175	Hannibal, MO
54	Rod Jones	OT	So.	6-4	285	Detroit, MI
57	Kevin Kopp	DL	Fr.	6-4	225	Kansas City, MO
8	Kwamie Lassiter	FS	Sr.	5-11	175	Newport News, VA
22	L.T. Levine	RB	So.	5-10	210	Colonial, NJ
93	Eric Mathies	DT	Fr.	6-2	265	Forest Park, IL
3	Gerald McBurrows	CB	Jr.	5-11	188	Detroit, MI
36	Jeff McCord	PK	Fr.	5-9	220	Mesquite, TX
77	Brian Mertz	OL	Fr.	6-2	280	Kansas City, MO
89	Jim Moore	TE	Fr.	6-3	228	Garden City, MO
76	Alani Pahulu	DT	Jr.	6-5	280	Eulless, TX
43	Nathan Penny	MLB	Fr.	6-0	217	Lawrence
32	Chris Powell	MLB	Jr.	5-9	220	Kansas City, MO
9	Asheiki Preston	QB	Jr.	5-11	180	Fort Lauderdale, FL
51	Tyler Quast	MLB	Jr.	6-2	215	Hinsdale, IL
26	Avery Randle	DB	Fr.	6-0	170	Dallas, TX
7	Robert Reed	WR	Jr.	6-1	185	Kansas City
31	Luke Richesson	WR	Fr.	5-9	180	Kansas City
16	Keith Rodgers	OLB	So.	5-11	190	Lenexa
34	Mark Sanders	RB	Fr.	6-0	202	St. Petersburg, FL
44	Robert Shutt	K	Fr.	6-0	175	Topeka
96	Luke Sills	DE	Fr.	6-3	215	Sublett
19	Darrin Simmons	P	Jr.	6-1	210	Elkhart
27	Scott Smeffana	RB	Fr.	5-10	186	Plainville
6	Ashuondal Smith	WR	So.	5-6	155	Rancho Cucamonga, CA
65	Jared Smith	C	Fr.	6-1	256	Pittsburg
55	Jim Stiebel	C	So.	6-4	270	Belleville, IL
50	Terrence Sullivan	OLB	Jr.	6-0	201	Inglewood, CA
86	Matt Vandree	WR	Fr.	6-0	178	Stillwell
46	Ronnie Ward	OLB	So.	6-0	212	St. Louis, MO
10	Thad Warren	DB	So.	6-0	200	Rodgers, AR
2	George White	RB	Sr.	5-10	170	Allen, TX
58	Scott Whittaker	OT	Fr.	6-6	291	Alta Loma, CA
91	Brent Willeford	TE	Jr.	6-3	250	Denver, CO
15	Mark Williams	QB	Jr.	6-2	175	Concord, CA
97	Sylvester Wright	DE	Jr.	6-2	242	Detroit, MI
75	Tony Zell	OG	Fr.	6-4	270	Fairview Heights, IL

JAYHAWKS OFFENSE

NUMBER	QUARTERBACK	YEAR
9	Asheiki Preston*	Senior
15	Mark Williams	Junior
NUMBER	FULLBACK	YEAR
32	Chris Powell*	Senior
33	Cosella Good	Senior
NUMBER	RUNNING BACK	YEAR
20	June Henley*	Sophomore
34	Mark Sanders	Sophomore
NUMBER	FLANKER	YEAR
6	Ashuondal Smith*	Junior
88	Derrick Irvin	Freshman
NUMBER	WIDE RECEIVER	YEAR
80	Andre Carter	Sophomore
84	Rodney Harris	Senior
NUMBER	TIGHT END	YEAR
91	Brent Willeford	Senior
89	Jim Moore	Sophomore
NUMBER	LEFT TACKLE	YEAR
58	Scott Whittaker	Sophomore
71	Derrick Chandler	Freshman
NUMBER	LEFT GUARD	YEAR
66	Hessley Hempstead*	Senior
62	Chris Banks	Junior
NUMBER	CENTER	YEAR
65	Jared Smith	Sophomore
63	Joe Hornback	Junior
NUMBER	RIGHT GUARD	YEAR
66	John Jones*	Senior
77	Brian Mertz	Freshman
NUMBER	RIGHT TACKLE	YEAR
78	Mark Allison*	Junior
74	Troy Chandler	Senior

*Returning starter

JAYHAWKS DEFENSE

NUMBER	DEFENSIVE END	YEAR
29	Harold Harris	Senior
49	Chris Jones	Sophomore
NUMBER	DEFENSIVE TACKLE	YEAR
76	Alani Pahulu	Junior
92	Troy Harper	Junior
NUMBER	DEFENSIVE TACKLE	YEAR
94	Darnell Britt	Senior
93	Eric Mathies	Freshman
NUMBER	DEFENSIVE END	YEAR
59	Derek Fairchild	Junior
97	Sylvester Wright	Senior
NUMBER	OUTSIDE LINEBACKER	YEAR
39	Don Davis*	Senior
16	Keith Rodgers	Junior
NUMBER	MIDDLE LINEBACKER	YEAR
46	Ronnie Ward*	Junior
51	Tyler Quast	Senior
NUMBER	OUTSIDE LINEBACKER	YEAR
52	Steve Harvey*	Senior
30	Eric Galbreath	Sophomore
NUMBER	CORNERBACK	YEAR
26	Avery Randle	Feshman
10	Thad Warren	Junior
NUMBER	CORNERBACK	YEAR
17	Dorian Brew	Junior
25	Cliff Griffin	Freshman
NUMBER	STRONG SAFETY	YEAR
28	Tony Blevins*	Sophomore
11	Charles Davis	Fershman
NUMBER	FREE SAFETY	YEAR
3	Gerald McBurrows*	Senior
24	Maurice Gaddie	Freshman

JAYHAWKS STATISTICS

PASSING

NAME	ATT	COMP	YARDS	PCT	TD	INT
Preston	159	97	1233	61.0	3	3
Thomas	89	38	427	42.7	15	0

RUSHING

NAME	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	TD
Henley	233	1127	4.8	77	12
Levins	123	542	4.4	118	2
Preston	99	298	3.0	27	4

RECEIVING

NAME	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	TD
Smith	27	256	9.5	41	1
Reed	22	270	12.3	38	0
Chandler	17	370	21.8	75	2
Ballard	17	266	15.7	46	0

TACKLES

Bowen (111), Harvey (86),
Davis (79), Ward (78),
Maumalanga (74), Vaughn (73), Thiel (72)

INTERCEPTIONS

Brew (2), Bowen (2), Blevins (2),
Vaughn (1), McBurrows (1)

COACH: GLEN MASON

28-40-1, 6 years
1993 Record: 3-4/5th; 6-7-0 overall
Stadium: Memorial Stadium (50,250)

Joe Hornback, a 6-2, 277-pound junior, leads a field of three centers with college experience. At one tackle, Rod Jones, a 6-4, 285-pound junior, started every game last season, while at the other, junior Mark Allison (6-3, 280), a former *Parade* All-American, started eight games before being sidelined.

"On the offensive line, we ought to be awfully good," Mason said. "Not only do we have good players there, we have good depth. We have the capability of being legitimately two-deep."

After starting the season second on the depth chart, quarterback Asheiki Preston took over running the offense in the second half of Kansas' fourth game last year and has had it ever since.

Preston, a 5-11, 180-pound senior, set a school record for accuracy by completing 61 percent of his passes for 1,233 yards.

"Asheiki Preston gave us a very solid performance last year without any experience," Mason said. "He's got experience now. He's a tough kid; he's a competitor. Hopefully, we'll have competition from the guys who are remaining."

Remaining are Mark Williams, a 6-2, 175-pound transfer from Diablo Valley College in California, redshirt freshman Matt Johnner, and senior Van Davis.

Henley, Levine, and Sanders give KU as much punch at tailback as any school in the conference.

Powell (5-9, 220), playing in an oversized helmet to prevent concussions, is invaluable setting up that punch.

"Chris Powell is what college football is all about," Mason said. "He might not look great in winter conditioning; he might not look great in warm-ups; but when they blow the whistle and it's time to play, he gets after your butt as good as anybody I've ever seen at that fullback position. There is not a better blocking fullback in the Big Eight. I doubt if there's a better blocking

fullback in the country. He's part of the heart and soul of this team."

Kansas will also call on senior fullback Costello Good (6-1, 212) in short-yardage situations.

"At wide receiver, we've got a lot of depth," Mason said. "There are a lot of guys there and a lot of young guys who played last year without much experience.

The diminutive Smith led KU last season with 27 catches for 256 yards. Reed, the nephew of former Kansas star David Verser, caught 22 passes for 270 yards, and Harris, the star of the 1992 Aloha Bowl, grabbed 10 for 175 yards.

The Jayhawks have long used the tight end as a receiving threat, largely because they long had All-Big Eighter Dwayne

Chandler. But Chandler and backup Pete Vang are gone, leaving the position to senior Brent Willeford (6-3, 250) and sophomore Jim Moore (6-3, 230), a former *Parade* All-American.

Although he's listed with the backs, 5-10, 170-pound senior George White will probably be Kansas' main target. White went into last season as the Jayhawks' No. 1 tailback but suffered a knee injury in the second game. With Henley's emergence as a runner, White, who had 400 receiving yards to go with a total of 936 rushing, is freed to be more of a multi-purpose player.

No spot on the field is more in question than defensive tackle.

Senior Darnell Britt (6-1, 250), a converted defensive end, is the lone returnee, meaning Kansas will rely heavily on newcomers. Three junior college transfers — Alani Pahulu, a 6-5, 280-pounder from Ricks College in Idaho; Troy Harper, a 6-4, 275-pounder from Taft Community College in Los Angeles; and Doug Weaver, a 6-3, 295-

pounder from East Mississippi Junior College — will be needed right away.

Senior Sylvester Wright could end up as one of the top defensive ends in the conference. A preseason starter last year, Wright was felled for the year by a knee injury in the season opener. Sophomores Kevin Kopp (6-4, 225) and Chris Jones (6-2, 210) played a lot in 1993 and return to the position. So, too, do junior Derek Fairchild (6-1, 198) and 5-11, 205-pound



HESSLEY HEMPSTEAD, A 6-1, 295-POUND SENIOR, HAS STARTED ALL 34 GAMES IN HIS CAREER.

PHOTO BY JOHN WILLIAMSON

You can see that they ought to be better this year."

They'd better be better. Kansas passed for a grand total of four touchdowns last season, and three were to tight ends. Not until the season finale against Missouri did a wideout find the end zone.

Kansas does return three of its top four wide receivers in Ashaundai Smith (5-6, 155), Robert Reed (6-1, 185), and Rodney Harris (6-6, 210).

JAYHAWKS RECRUITING

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Joe AUSTIN WR Conference Offensive Player of the Year... Team Most Valuable Player.	5-9, 168	Lynwood, CA	Lynwood
Steve BRATTEN LB Forced eight turnovers as a senior and averaged 10 tackles per game... Two-time All-State and All-Conference... Ranked among top 45 players in Midlands by <i>SuperPrep</i> ... Rated No. 3 linebacker in Big 8 region by <i>BLUECHIP Illustrated</i> ... Honor roll.	6-1, 213	Arvada, CO	Pomona
Patrick BROWN RB Consecutive 1,000-plus yard rushing seasons... Rated among Top 15 runners in Big 8 region by <i>BLUECHIP Illustrated</i> ... All-League... All-District... Lettered in track and basketball.	5-11, 181	Columbus, OH	Westerville North
Julius BRUCE RB Rushed for 892 yards and 14 touchdowns as a senior... First-team All-State... All-Metro.	5-9, 178	Olathe	North
Dan DERCHER DL Kansas Sports first-team All-State... Rated among Top 60 prospects in Midlands by <i>SuperPrep</i> ... <i>Topeka Capital-Journal</i> first-team All-State on defense... <i>Wichita Eagle</i> first-team All-State on offense.	6-6, 230	Mission	Bishop Miege
Brian GRAY QB Passed for 1,200 yards and rushed for 700 as a senior... Rated among Top 60 players in Midlands by <i>SuperPrep</i> ... Honor roll student... Member of baseball, basketball and track teams.	6-4, 205	Liberty, MO	Liberty
Troy HARPER DL All-Coast Valley in 1992... Academic All-Conference.	6-4, 275	Okeechobee, FL	Taft (CA) C. C.
Jamie HARRIS DB Honorable mention <i>USA Today</i> All-American... Kansas Sports first-team All-State... Associated Press All-State... Had 48 tackles, 39 assists and six interceptions as a senior... Ranked among Top 60 players in Midlands by <i>SuperPrep</i> .	5-10, 175	Olathe	North
Jason HARRIS DB Among <i>Dallas Morning News</i> Top 100 area recruits... All-District... District Defensive Most Valuable Player... <i>BLUECHIP Illustrated</i> All-American... Honor roll.	6-1, 175	Fort Worth, TX	Dunbar
Dewey HOUSTON TE <i>St. Louis Post-Dispatch</i> Player of the Year... First-team All-Metro on both offense and defense... All-Area... Caught 34 passes for almost 600 yards as a senior.	6-5, 215	Cahokia, IL	Cahokia
Andre JOHNSON WR All-Conference... All-League... All-City... Had 27 receptions for 906 yards and 11 touchdowns as a senior... Also lettered in track.	6-2, 170	Los Angeles, CA	John C. Fremont
J. J. JOHNSON LB All-League... All-Conference... All-Big West... Lettered three years in football and two years in basketball... Honor roll.	6-3, 200	Los Angeles, CA	Jefferson
Rob LINDSEY LB Had 124 tackles, four fumble recoveries, three interceptions, and a school-record 14 quarterback sacks during his career... All-Conference... All-District... All-County... Honor roll.	6-2, 200	Tampa, FL	Gaither

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Johnathan MACKLIN FB All-Metro... All-District... Also lettered in track and basketball... Has thrown the shot put 55 feet... Honor roll.	5-11, 205	Kansas City, MO	Rockhurst
Brett MCGRAW DL Four-year starter... Two-time All-State... Kansas Sports Defensive Player of the Year... Had 70 tackles, four sacks, and three passes knocked down during his senior year... <i>USA Today</i> honorable mention All-American... Rated one of the Top 60 players in the Midlands region by <i>SuperPrep</i> ... Ranked as the ninth-best defensive line prospect in the Big 8 region by <i>BLUECHIP Illustrated</i> .	6-1, 260	Garden City	Garden City
Alani PAHULU DL Has served a two-year Mormon mission... All-Western States Football League team... Honorable mention All-American (NJCAA).	6-5, 280	Eulless, TX	Ricks College
Cleve ROBERTS OL All-State by the <i>Topeka Capital-Journal</i> and <i>Kansas Sports</i> ... Rated as the 25th-best prospect in the Midlands region by <i>SuperPrep</i> ... Ranked as the second-best offensive line prospect in the Big 8 region by <i>BLUECHIP Illustrated</i> .	6-6, 265	Buhler	Buhler
Lamar SHARPE LB All-City... All-Northeast Ohio... <i>Cleveland Plain Dealer</i> All-Scholastic team... Played tight end and linebacker... Averaged 22 points per game in basketball.	6-5, 230	Akron, OH	East
Jason THOREN LB Gained 1,254 yards on 191 carries and caught seven passes for 130 yards as a fullback during his senior year... Led his team with 20 touchdowns winning the fifth state championship in a row... Chosen the top high school player in Kansas City... All-State... <i>Kansas Sports</i> Offensive Player of the Year.	6-2, 215	Lawrence	Lawrence
Shawn VANG DL All-City in 1992 and 1993... First team All-State.	6-2, 250	Wichita	Northwest
Eric VANN RB Kansas Gatorade Player of the Year... <i>SuperPrep</i> preseason All-American... Rated as the 12th-best player in the Midlands region by <i>SuperPrep</i> ... Rushed for 1,669 yards and 22 touchdowns as a senior... Rushed for 5,336 yards in four seasons and is the state's all-time leading rusher for regular season games... Outstanding baseball player... Top running back prospect in the Big 8 region by <i>BLUECHIP Illustrated</i> ... National Honor Society.	5-9, 190	El Dorado	El Dorado
Doug WEAVER DL Second team All-League at Junior College... Participated in the 1993 Mississippi Junior College All-Star Game.	6-3, 295	Starville, MS	East Mississippi JC
Mark WILLIAMS QB Completed 140 of 264 passes for 1,923 yards and 13 touchdowns in 1993... Team captain... Team's offensive Most Valuable Player... All-League during both of his seasons.	6-2, 175	Concord, CA	Diablo Valley College
Tim WILLIS LB Member of the <i>Pittsburgh Post-Gazette</i> Fabulous 22... <i>BLUECHIP</i> All-American... Two-year team captain... All-Conference... Team Most Valuable Player... Four-year starter.	6-0, 215	Aliquippa, PA	Aliquippa

SPRING UPDATE

The question when spring football practice concluded at Kansas was "Who is the starting tailback?" The answer was "Who cares?" Sophomore June Henley, the Big Eight offensive newcomer of the year in 1993, was slowed in the spring by a shoulder injury. That opened the door for red-shirt sophomore Mark Sanders and junior L.T. Levine.

"Sanders is No. 1, because he's performed the best," coach Glen Mason said. "But all of them will play. I couldn't be more pleased with the tailback position. If everybody were healthy and we were playing a game today, we would play all three tailbacks, and I wouldn't care who was in there."

Sanders rushed 12 times for 74 yards and Levine a dozen times for 64 during the situational scrimmage that wound up spring drills. Henley did not participate.

Mason liked what he saw during the final practice — the offense rolled up an unofficial total of 345 yards and the defense pulled off several big plays, including linebacker Don Davis' blocked field goal, which he returned 85 yards for a touchdown. But he liked what he saw all spring.

"It seems like I'm always defending the offense, but that's not the case," he said. "We look better on offense now than we've ever looked."

Even with two offensive line starters — guard Hessler Hempstead and tackle Mark Allison — sidelined, Kansas had a letterman at every position.

"It's an unusual situation," Mason said. "Everybody on offense — everybody — is an experienced player."

Quarterback Asheiki Preston certainly fits that mold. Preston, who started

the final eight games last season, completed 7 of 16 passes for 98 yards in the scrimmage.

"Preston is definitely No. 1," Mason said. "He's an improved football player. He's throwing the ball really accurately. He's making the right reads. He looks like a guy who has a year of experience under his belt."

Mason said the Jayhawks made their biggest strides this spring on defense. Defensive tackle was a gaping hole, and it was filled adequately by senior Darnell Britt and junior college transfer Alani Pahulu.

"We probably did the most experimentation on defense," Mason said. "We've probably experimented more in terms of personnel than in terms of schemes. From a scheme standpoint, we stayed as basic this spring as we ever have before."

Mason and his staff settled on a revamped defensive backfield. Starting cornerbacks Gerald McBurrows and Tony Blevins will move to strong safety and free safety, respectively. Their corner positions will go to Avery Randle and Dorian Brew.

Meanwhile, Steve Harvey, who returned from a ruptured Achilles tendon to start 10 games at middle linebacker last year, and Ronnie Ward, who started all 12 games at outside linebacker, will trade places.

"It puts them in position where, between the two of them, they can make more plays," Mason said.

Kansas' newcomers report on Aug. 5, veterans on Aug. 8, and two-a-day practice begins Aug. 10. The Jayhawks open the 1994 season at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 1 against the University of Houston in the Astrodome.

senior Harold Harris, a defensive back-turned-linebacker-turned-end.

"The only problem with Harold Harris is the coach didn't figure out that he could be a good defensive end fast enough," Mason said.

Outside linebacker is one of the Jayhawks' most impressive spots with senior Don Davis (6-1, 212) and junior Ronnie Ward (6-0, 212) returning. Inside is Steve Harvey, a 6-3, 234-pound senior, who led all linebackers with 84 stops last season.

Moreover, at least five other linebackers started at least one game in 1993.

"We have so many different people who could play so many different positions, we could just rotate our whole defense," Davis said.

Under Mason, Kansas has long played a 4-3 defense. That was, until injuries became so prevalent last year that KU's coaches could hardly find four defensive linemen. They solved their problem by

throwing linebackers at it in roughly a 5-2 set, and darned if it didn't work.

"Sometimes good things come out of bad situations," Mason said. "All those injuries we had last year forced our defensive coaches to become very creative. I think in that process we came up with some good ideas."

Like at nearly every other position, Kansas returns loads of experience in the secondary. Unlike at every other spot, they're shifting it around.

Senior Gerald McBurrows, who started 23 straight games at cornerback, is now KU's strong safety. Tony Blevins, who started all 12 games last year at the other corner as a true freshman, is the free safety. Junior Dorian Brew and sophomore Avery Randle are most apt to fill the voids on the corners.

"We've got depth in the secondary," Mason said. "The reason we're moving some proven people around there, like Ger-

ald, is we think we've got some other people who can play. We're trying to find the right combination."

It'll be awhile before Kansas finds a combination kicker and punter like the departed Dan Eichloff, who in four years accounted for a school-record 302 points.

Punting duties now belong to junior Darrin Simmons, who redshirted last year after transferring from Dodge City Community College. Simmons was a first-team All-American in 1992, averaging 44 yards a kick.

Redshirt freshman Jeff McCord is the heir apparent at place-kicker. The Mesquite, Tex., native hit 11 of 14 field goals in high school, including eight from 40 or more yards.

Kansas will open the season early for a second straight year. Last season it was because of the Kickoff Classic. This season it's a Classic Blunder.

The Jayhawks must travel to Houston to face the University of Houston on Thursday, Sept. 1. The game was originally scheduled for the following Saturday, but Houston officials failed to reserve the Astrodome, and the Astros will be playing there instead.

"I don't particularly want to open on Thursday night down in Houston, Tex., when it's not on TV," Mason said. "However, that will give us a little extra time to get ready for our second game, so there's a trade-off there."

The Jayhawks will have extra time to get ready for their Big Eight opener, too, with an open date preceding their Thursday night ESPN game against in-state rival Kansas State. Once dubbed the Toilet Bowl, the KU-KSU game now represents a clash of two of the conference's rising teams.

"I guess I can appreciate it more than anybody because of how people used to make fun of that game," Mason said. "I never thought it was funny. And ESPN is excited about it. A lot of times those Thursday games are maybe meaningful, maybe not. This one has a lot of meaning."

In addition to the Big Eight schedule and the opener against Houston, Kansas faces Michigan State and Alabama-Birmingham at home and Texas Christian in Fort Worth. □

AFTER STARTING THE SEASON SECOND ON THE DEPTH CHART, QUARTERBACK ASHEIKI PRESTON TOOK OVER RUNNING THE OFFENSE IN THE SECOND HALF OF KANSAS' FOURTH GAME LAST YEAR AND HAS HAD IT EVER SINCE. HE ALSO SET A SCHOOL RECORD FOR ACCURACY BY COMPLETING 61 PERCENT OF HIS PASSES FOR 1,233 YARDS.

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MISSOURI TIGERS

SMITH TO REVERSE NEGATIVE THOUGHT PROCESS

By Vahe Gregorian



The latest attempt to resuscitate the wheezing University of Missouri football program began promptly on Dec. 16, 1993, with the announcement that Larry Smith would become Mizzou's 30th football coach.

Smith had been the architect of rebuilt programs at Tulane and Arizona and had whisked sagging Southern Cal to Rose Bowls in his first three seasons there. At the news conference introducing him, he vowed to "bloody noses" of opponents and tweaked athletic director Joe Castiglione about getting grass back on Faurot Field for the 1994 season.

But his boldest words had been uttered shortly before, in his first meeting with his skeptical new team.

"I told the team, 'I didn't come in here to lose. I came in here to win. Waiting around two or three years, that's a bunch of baloney,'" he said.

Perhaps elsewhere, those sentiments wouldn't have been surprising. But this was Missouri, 30-76-4 through 10 successive losing seasons.

Missouri, where Smith's predecessor, Bob Stull, had introduced himself by promising to win "at least one" game his first season (he won two).

Missouri, which hasn't beaten a top 10 team in more than a decade, has been a layup for Nebraska since 1978 and hasn't won a road game since 1990.

Missouri, which has lost games by such memorable methods as fifth down (see Colorado, 1990) or by more than 70 points (twice in seven seasons).

None of which seems to daunt Smith, who is accustomed to winning. Smith, in fact, went from seventh grade to his senior year of college before he played in a

losing football game. He is 110-80-6 as a college coach. Twelve times, he has defeated top 10 teams.

His formula has been simple. Surround himself with a staff blended with elders and young lions. Preach and practice discipline and fundamentals — on and off the field.

Smith hasn't deviated from that at Missouri. Among himself, associate head coach Skip Hall, and coordinators Jerry Berndt and Moe Ankney, is 42 years of collegiate head coaching experience. The only two assistants who have not at least been coordinators are Ricky Hunley and Eric Wright, each of whom recently concluded National Football League careers.

"Us old guys sometimes get worn out," Smith, 54, says, laughing. "Our enthusiasm wanes a little bit, and we may get too philosophical or too strategic. The young guys pump us.

"It's a good mix, good chemistry. It's refreshing to me to have guys on the staff who are young and eager and enthusiastic. It's also a real security blanket for me

to have ... guys who have been around the block a few times."

Well before spring practice began, Smith and his staff had begun setting the tone for the new regime. Off-season workouts, he insisted, were to be conducted in Mizzou-issued workout outfits — not trendy athletic-wear. Baseball hats were taboo in the dining hall — and Smith yanked more than one off a player's head to prove it.

"Players want strong leadership," Smith said. "It's not a matter of coming in and saying, 'Well, I'm just going to gradually assert myself.' I'm a one-way person. I only know how to do things one way — all out. I'm either in charge or I'm not."

That point was made emphatically during spring practice. Smith, seen barking even at assistants, ordered the team out in full pads immediately and commenced what most Mizzou players characterized as the most intense practices they'd had in years.

"It seems like he's headhunting more," junior defensive lineman Steve Martin said. "He's looking for the guys who are truly dedicated. He doesn't want anybody staying who doesn't want to be here."

Said senior offensive tackle Trey O'Neil: "Our half pads are about as intense as Coach Stull's full pads."

Half-pad practices, incidentally, are conducted in football pants minus padding: Gym shorts are forbidden on Smith's football field.

All of which apparently has been well taken by those on the receiving end.

"Whoever selected him realized, 'We've had that style of coach, we've had this style

MISSOURI AT A GLANCE

Team Strengths: Linebacking, defensive backfield, and quarterback.

Possible Weaknesses: Offensive line, tight end, receivers, and backfield.

Key Losses: Mike Bedosky, G; Kenny Holly, WR; A.J. Ofodile, TE; Rick Lyle, DE.

Players to Watch: Darryl Major, LB; Travis McDonald, LB; Jeff Handy, QB; Joe Freeman, RB; Felix Lindsey, RB; Clayton Baker, DB; Brian Saltee, WR; Rahsetnu Jenkins, WR; Andre White, S; Steve Martin, DL; Damon Simon, DL.

SENIOR STEVE MARTIN IS THE ANCHOR OF THE DEFENSIVE LINE.

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SPRING ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
4	Bo Adams	SS	Jr.	6-0	201	Jefferson City
68	Reagan Allen	OG	Jr.	6-6	291	Enid, OK
41	Mark Alnutt	TE	Jr.	6-1	233	Kansas City
17	Mich Alvarado	QB	Fr.	6-1	188	McKinney, TX
50	Russ Appel	C	So.	6-3	246	Hurst, TX
26	Clayton Baker	CB	So.	5-10	174	Denison, TX
64	Chris Barrows	OG	Jr.	6-4	280	Plano, TX
61	Travis Blebel	OT	Fr.	6-4	249	Blue Springs
	Ernest Blackwell	RB	Fr.	6-3	230	Eureka
28	Kay Blake	BN	Jr.	6-6	305	Charlotte, NC
23	Tiger Boyd	TB	So.	6-0	204	Sikeston
	Ramone Budgetts	LB	Fr.	6-2	220	Kansas City
71	Chris Buck	OT	Jr.	6-6	305	Toledo, OH
60	Chris Campbell	OG	Fr.	6-4	284	Excelsior Springs
43	Darryl Chatman	LB	So.	6-1	226	St. Louis
16	Brandon Corso	QB	So.	6-2	195	Fairfax, VA
	Brian Cracraft	DL	Fr.	6-3	235	Mesa, AZ
	Shad Criss	WR	Fr.	5-10	175	Denison, TX
96	Demontie Cross	FS	So.	6-4	202	St. Louis
	Maurice Daniels	WR	Fr.	5-10	190	Kansas City
77	Matt Dawil	OG	Jr.	6-6	272	Union
18	Mark Faubion	SS	Fr.	5-9	185	Chillicothe
46	Vic Faust	TE	Jr.	6-3	230	Belleville, IL
30	Kevin Ford	BN	Fr.	6-1	219	Denison, TX
1	Joe Freeman	TB	Sr.	5-10	180	Richardson, TX
	Miguel Gonzalez	TE	Jr.	6-3	232	Van Nuys, CA
35	Monte Graves	BN	Sr.	6-0	204	St. Louis
95	William Gregory	DG	Fr.	6-3	258	Roswell, GA
11	Jeff Handy	QB	Sr.	6-3	202	Blue Springs
91	Pat Ivey	DE	Jr.	6-4	241	Detroit, MI
34	Ron Jones	FB	Fr.	6-3	234	Clarence
2	Rahsetnu Jenkins	WR	So.	6-2	169	St. Louis
31	Antwan Johnson	FB	Jr.	6-1	216	Denison, TX
97	Donnell Jones	NT	Fr.	6-4	251	St. Louis
	Eric Jones	WR	Fr.	6-4	185	Newport News, VA
80	Frank Jones	WR	Jr.	5-11	183	Toronto, Ontario
93	Jason Jones	DE	Fr.	6-2	208	Villa Ridge
29	Jay Jones	CB	Jr.	5-11	178	Columbia
25	Jeff Jones	TB	So.	6-0	208	Villa Ridge
88	Lenny Kagan	WR	So.	6-0	188	Chesterfield
78	Tim Keith	OT	Jr.	6-8	301	Tyler, TX
32	Felix Lindsey	TB	Fr.	6-1	214	Cochran, GA
85	Bill Lingerfelt	TE/P	So.	6-4	240	Kansas City
45	Joe Love	LB	So.	6-2	199	Austin, TX
33	Ryan Lyons	TB	Sr.	5-9	183	Arlington, TX
39	Travis McDonald	LB	Sr.	6-2	225	Columbia
15	Kevin McIntosh	CB	Sr.	6-1	172	Kansas City
40	Jerome Madison	SS	Sr.	6-0	183	Denison, TX

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55	Darryl Major	LB	Sr.	6-2	235	St. Louis
51	Will Markel	LB	So.	6-1	202	Columbia
98	Steve Martin	DG	Jr.	6-5	284	Jefferson City
	Chris Meredith	DL	Fr.	6-5	250	St. Joseph
3	Derrick Miller	CB	So.	5-11	171	Detroit, MI
53	Jamie Morris	LB	Fr.	6-1	211	Columbia
	Mike Morris	OL	Fr.	6-3	290	Brookfield
89	Jay Murchison	WR	Fr.	6-1	175	Richmond, VA
87	Matt Murray	DT	Sr.	6-5	284	Carbondale, IL
	Todd Neimeyer	OL	Fr.	6-5	270	Brookfield
44	Mark Norris	K	So.	6-2	190	Potosi
75	Trey O'Neil	OT	Sr.	6-6	290	Tulsa
	Brack Olivo	RB	Fr.	6-1	185	Washington
74	Rafe Parsons	OG	Sr.	6-5	320	Dexter
94	Marc Pedrotti	DE	Sr.	6-4	225	Shawnee Mission
48	Rick Pohlsander	LB	Fr.	6-0	196	Stockton
19	Kyle Pooler	P/K	Sr.	6-0	193	Phoenix, AZ
22	Matthew Quarles	FS	Fr.	5-9	177	Kansas City
58	David Rowe	DB	Fr.	6-3	219	St. Louis
46	John Safley	DE	Jr.	6-3	243	California
86	Darren Sallee	TE	Fr.	6-7	201	Jackson
7	Brian Sallee	WR	Sr.	6-3	195	Jackson
66	Jonath Sanft	DT	Jr.	6-4	267	Union City, CA
57	Craig Seymour	C	Fr.	6-1	245	Columbia
67	Scott Shadden	OG	Jr.	6-6	295	Richland, TX
82	Lou Shepherd	WR	So.	6-0	197	Blue Springs
	Kent Skornia	QB	Fr.	6-4	185	Washington
92	Damon Simon	DT	Sr.	6-5	250	San Pablo, CA
47	Chris Singletary	BN	Sr.	6-2	205	Garden Grove, CA
	Cliff Smith	OL	Fr.	6-5	270	Chillicothe
24	Greg Smith	FB	So.	6-0	211	St. Louis
	Al Sterling	LB	Fr.	5-11	230	Mesa, AZ
12	Adrian Stewart	CB	So.	5-9	158	Chicago, IL
	Jake Stueve	TE	Fr.	6-3	230	Kansas City
56	Shawn Sundall	LB	Fr.	6-2	220	Columbia
10	Montana Waggoner	CB	Sr.	5-11	186	Houston, TX
99	Chris Walls	DE	Jr.	6-3	225	Houston, TX
38	Michael Washington	FB	Sr.	6-3	266	Monroe City
8	Detrick Wells	BN	Sr.	6-0	226	Paducah, KY
21	Andre White	FS	Sr.	6-1	194	Monroe City
14	Chuckie Williams	WR	Sr.	6-1	186	Tulsa, OK
37	Kenyetta Williams	FB	Jr.	5-10	190	St. Louis
20	Jerry Wooden	CB	Sr.	5-11	179	Phoenix, AZ
	Stevonnie Wortham	DB	Fr.	6-0	175	Detroit, MI
	Justin Wyatt	DL	Fr.	6-4	235	Hermann
	Brian Woessner	OL	Fr.	6-4	255	St. Paul, MN
	Martez Young	WR	Fr.	6-1	175	Kansas City, KS

TIGERS STATISTICS

PASSING

NAME	ATT	COMP	YARDS	PCT	TD	INT
Handy	291	174	1901	59.8	11	12
Sallee	77	41	442	53.2	3	2

RUSHING

NAME	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	TD
Freeman	136	675	5.0	33	2
M. Washington	82	407	5.0	33	4
Boyd	44	140	3.2	13	0

RECEIVING

NAME	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	TD
Holly	58	623	10.7	45	4
Ofofite	55	589	10.7	57	4
Sallee	34	406	11.9	41	1
Jadlot	21	271	12.9	32	3

TACKLES

Major (129), White (116), McDonald (97), Madison (72),
Oliver (67), Lenhardt (60), McIntosh (52)

INTERCEPTIONS

McIntosh (4), Oliver (3), Adams (2),
White (1), Madison (1)

COACH: LARRY SMITH

First Year; 110-80-6 overall, 17 years
1993 Record: 2-5-0/6th; 3-7-1 Overall
Stadium: Faurot Field (62,000)

TIGERS OFFENSE

NUMBER	QUARTERBACK	YEAR
11	Jeff Handy*	Senior
16	Brandon Corso	Sophomore
NUMBER	TAILBACK	YEAR
1	Joe Freeman*	Senior
32	Felix Lindsey	Freshman
NUMBER	FULLBACK	YEAR
31	Antwan Johnson	Junior
34	Ron Jones	Freshman
NUMBER	WIDE RECEIVER	YEAR
7	Brian Sallee*	Senior
83	Kyle Black	Sophomore
NUMBER	WIDE RECEIVER	YEAR
2	Rahsetnu Jenkins	Sophomore
80	Frank Jones	Junior
NUMBER	TIGHT END	YEAR
85	Bill Lingerfelt	Sophomore
46	Vic Faust	Junior
NUMBER	LEFT TACKLE	YEAR
75	Trey O'Neil*	Senior
67	Scott Shadden	Junior
NUMBER	LEFT GUARD	YEAR
77	Matt Dawil	Junior
61	Travis Beibel	Freshman
NUMBER	CENTER	YEAR
50	Russ Appel	Sophomore
57	Craig Seymour	Freshman
NUMBER	RIGHT GUARD	YEAR
74	Rafe Parsons	Senior
65	Chris Barrows	Junior
NUMBER	RIGHT TACKLE	YEAR
78	Tim Keith	Junior
71	Chris Buck	Junior

*Returning starter

TIGERS DEFENSE

NUMBER	BANDIT	YEAR
47	Chris Singletary	Senior
28	Kay Blake	Junior
NUMBER	GUARD	YEAR
98	Steve Martin*	Junior
91	Pat Ivey	Junior
NUMBER	NOSE GUARD	YEAR
66	Jonathan Sanft	Junior
87	Matt Murray	Senior
NUMBER	TACKLE	YEAR
92	Damon Simon*	Senior
46	John Safley	Junior
NUMBER	END	YEAR
8	Detrick Wells	Senior
30	Kevin Ford	Freshman
NUMBER	SAM LINEBACKER	YEAR
55	Darryl Major*	Senior
43	Darryl Chatman	Sophomore
NUMBER	WILLIE LINEBACKER	YEAR
39	Travis McDonald*	Senior
45	Joe Love	Sophomore
NUMBER	HALFBACK	YEAR
26	Clayton Baker	Sophomore
3	Derrick Miller	Sophomore
NUMBER	CORNERBACK	YEAR
15	Kevin McIntosh*	Senior
10	Montana Waggoner	Senior
NUMBER	STRONG SAFETY	YEAR
40	Jerome Madison*	Senior
4	Bo Adams	Junior
NUMBER	FREE SAFETY	YEAR
21	Andre White*	Senior
96	Demontie Cross	Sophomore

of coach, we've had that style of coach — we need this style of coach now.”

Adds O'Neil, “It's good! It's the way football's meant to be played.”

Whether MU can at last do the same this fall, though, remains to be seen. The Tigers, 3-7-1 last season, lost six starters on offense. They do return seven starters on defense — but on a defense that surrendered 28 or more points in eight games.

Still, Smith believes MU's defense is where his team's strength lies. And nowhere is it more rugged than at inside linebacker, where seniors Darryl Major and Travis McDonald roam. Each is a punishing tackler, each is quick, each has excellent instincts.

“McDonald and Major are probably two of the top three football players on our team; I don't know if you'll find two better balanced linebackers in the country,” Smith said. “I've coached a lot of very fine linebackers, and I think both of them are very good. It's a great starting point.”

They are backed by sophomores Darryl Chatman and Joe Love, each of whom, Smith says, would be good enough to start at other schools.

Smith also is pleased with his outside linebackers, although projected starters Marc Pedrotti and Chris Walls missed most of spring practice recovering from 1993 injuries. Kay Blake, Chris Singletary, Detrick Wells, and Kevin Ford performed well, and the group probably will be bolstered by the return of Javan Lenhardt. Lenhardt, a senior, started eight games last season but was academically ineligible in the spring.

Martin (6-5, 291) is the anchor of the defensive line and probably will play between senior Matt Murray (6-5, 274) and senior Damon Simon (6-5, 250).

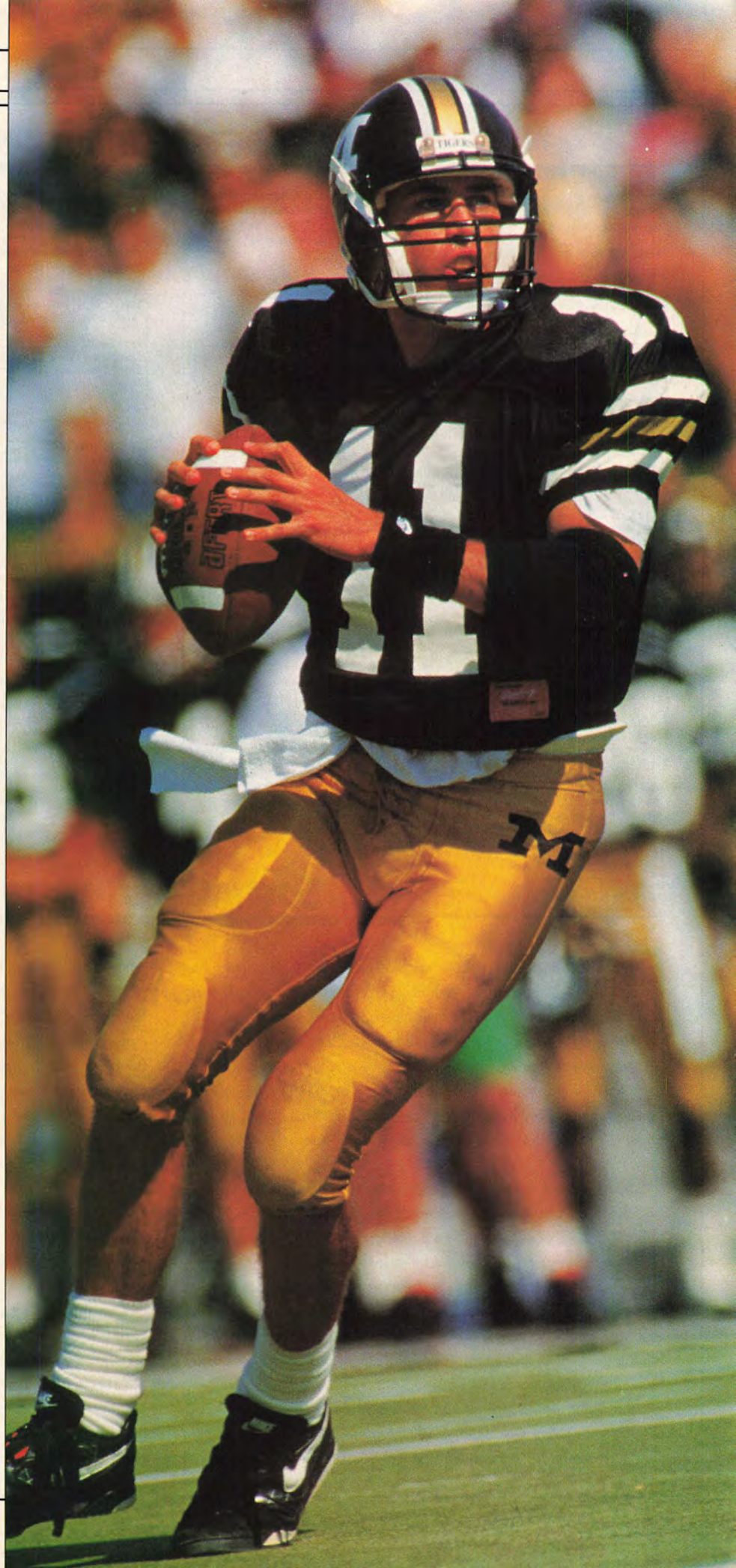
“I think those three will be able to play the run very, very well; pass-rushing ability, I'm not quite sure,” Smith said. “We may have to do some substituting there.”

With spring reserves John Safley, Jonathan Sanft, and Pat Ivey nudging for playing time, Smith is optimistic that MU may finally find a way to clog the opponents' running game. In Stull's five seasons, the porous Tigers surrendered more than 40 individual 100-yard performances.

“You look at Simon and Martin in particular, they're two guys if they really get untracked, they could end up being two of

JEFF HANDY RETURNS AT QUARTERBACK, WHERE HE IS ON THE VERGE OF BREAKING EVERY MISSOURI AND SEVERAL BIG EIGHT RECORDS.

PHOTO BY GREGORY CHITTENDEN



TIGERS RECRUITING

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Ernest BLACKWELL RB	6-3, 230	Eureka	Eureka
Rushed for 2,290 yards (10 yard per carry avg.) and 34 touchdowns as a senior... All-State, All-District, All-Metro... Has 4.5 speed in the 40.			
Chris BUCK OT	6-6, 290	Toledo, OH	DuPage College
All-Conference junior college performer... Helped DuPage to 12-0 record and second-place ranking nationally... All-Conference shot putter.			
Ramone BUDGETTS LB	6-2, 220	Kansas City	Ruskin
Three-year starter... First-team All-Conference as a senior... Two-year basketball starter.			
Brian CRACRAFT DL	6-3, 235	Mesa, AZ	Dobson
All-Conference... All-State... Had 64 unassisted tackles, four sacks, five blocked passes and one fumble recovery last season... Outstanding discus thrower.			
Shad CRISS DB/WR	5-10, 175	Denison, TX	Denison
Has 4.4 speed in the 40... All-District on both offense and defense... Holds school long jump record.			
Maurice DANIELS WR	5-10, 190	Kansas City	Raytown South
Injured as a senior, had 440 yards rushing and earned honorable mention All-Metro at defensive back... As a junior, rushed for 1,200 yards and earned All-State... Set school record as sophomore with 45 receptions... Holds school records for rushing yards, pass receptions and points scored... Three-time conference 100-meter champion.			
Miguel GONZALEZ TE	6-3, 232	Van Nuys, CA	Glendale C. C.
First-team All-Western States Conference... Honorable mention All-State... In two seasons, caught 37 passes for 478 yards and four scores... All-Conference in high school.			
Eric JONES WR	6-4, 185	Newport News, VA	Ferguson
Caught 24 passes for 375 yards as a senior... All-District... As a junior, earned All-State when he caught 43 passes for 1,143 yards... Chosen to play in Virginia All-Star Game... Has 4.55 speed in the 40.			
Chris MEREDITH OL/DL	6-5, 250	St. Joseph	Central
Two-time All-City... All-State... All-District... District discus champ last year... Starter on basketball team... National Honor Society.			
Mike MORRIS OL	6-3, 290	Brookfield	Brookfield
BLUECHIP Illustrated All-American... <i>SuperPrep</i> All-Midlands... All-State... Chosen to play in state All-Star Game... All-Conference punter and place-kicker. Two time state shot put champion.			
Todd NEIMEYER OL	6-5, 270	Brookfield	Brookfield
All-Conference... All-District on offense and defense... Chosen to play in state All-Star Game... National Honor Society vice-president.			

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Brock OLIVO RB/DB	6-1, 185	Washington	St. Francis Borgia
Rushed for 2,536 yards and 39 touchdowns last season, helping team to state championship... Had five kickoff returns for touchdowns of 80 yards or more... Gained 1,200 yards rushing as a junior... Named state Player of the Year by <i>USA Today</i> and <i>Gatorade</i> .			
Jonathan SANFT DL	6-4, 270	Union City, CA	Chabot College
Second-team All-Golden State Conference... Captain and Most Valuable Player on high school team... All-East Bay, All-Alameda County.			
Kent SKORNIA QB	6-4, 185	Washington	St. Francis Borgia
Completed 121 of 224 passes for 2,108 yards and 31 touchdowns as a senior... All-State... All-District, All-Area, All-Metro... Team captain... Two-year starter.			
Cliff SMITH OL	6-5, 270	Chillicothe	Chillicothe
All-State... All-Conference, All-District, All-Area... Two-way starter... Started 34 consecutive games... Chosen for Missouri Boys State.			
Al STERLING LB	5-11, 230	Mesa, AZ	Red Mountain
Defensive Player of the Year in Mesa area... All-East Valley... All-State... All-Conference.			
Jake STUEVE TE	6-3, 230	Kansas City	North Kansas City
All-Conference... All-District... Caught 11 passes for 166 yards and two scores as a senior... Two-year starter and team captain in basketball... Student body president.			
Kenyetta WILLIAMS RB	5-10, 190	St. Louis	Indiana University
Parade All-American and <i>USA Today</i> All-American as a senior in 1991... Rushed for 937 yards despite missing games due to injury... <i>Chicago Tribune</i> and <i>Los Angeles Times</i> All-American teams... Started two games last season for Indiana Hoosiers.			
Stevonne WORTHAM DB	6-0, 175	Detroit, MI	Chadsey
All-State... All-City... All-Metro... Fourth last year in the state 200-meter dash.			
Justin WYATT DL	6-4, 235	Hermann	Hermann
All-State... All-Conference... All-District... Had 134 tackles, five sacks and four fumbles forced last season.			
Brian WOESSNER OL	6-4, 255	St. Paul, MN	Cretin-Derham Hall
Two-year All-Conference and All-Metro... All-State... Team captain... Three-year starter... Listed among Top 100 recruits nationally... Student Council president.			
Martez YOUNG WR	6-1, 175	Kansas City, KS	Wyandotte
All-League... Has 4.4 speed in the 40... Two-time state champion in 100-meter dash with best time of 10.4 seconds... Chosen to <i>SuperPrep</i> 's, Tom Lemming's and BLUECHIP 's All-American squads... Named one of the Top 50 prospects in the nation by <i>The Atlanta Journal-Constitution</i> ... Named to BLUECHIP 's '92 All-American Dream Team... Tabbed the No. 2 defensive lineman in the state of Texas... Three-year starter on defensive line.			

SPRING UPDATE

From yanking baseball caps off players' heads in the dining hall to conducting physical, exhausting practices, new coach Larry Smith apparently conveyed his message in spring practice.

"Individualism is out," sophomore fullback Greg Smith said.

For instance, the Tigers' names won't be on their jerseys this fall.

"After I sat at home and thought about it a while, it made a lot of sense to me," senior tailback Joe Freeman said. "We fought so hard to get our names put on the back of our jerseys. Year in and year out. So we finally got it.

"Coach Smith comes in and says, 'No. No names on the jerseys.' And that's it. And everybody's kind of like, 'Awww.' But if you think about it, it kind of eliminates that individualism. We had seen that as being one of our top priorities, and it's really not."

Among Smith's other priorities in the spring was to rediscover Mizzou's running game, which had apparently been placed in a Federal Witness Relocation Program during Bob Stull's five seasons as Missouri coach. In that span, opposing rushers bashed past Mizzou's by nearly 10,000 yards (14,358 - 5,583).

But Smith believes Freeman, freshman Felix Lindsey and 260-pound senior fullback Michael Washington are capable of resurrecting the run. Freeman rushed 21 times for 139 yards to lead Mizzou's Gold

team to a 7-6 victory over the Black in the annual spring scrimmage.

"In this conference, you've got to be able to run the ball," said Freeman, who led MU in rushing with 675 yards in 1993. "I've said that ever since I got up here as a freshman: You can't throw the ball 80 percent of the game. You just can't do it and win in this conference. Maybe in the (Western Athletic Conference) or somewhere like that."

That's fine with selfless senior quarterback Jeff Handy. So what if he'll probably never throw half the 73 passes he did in his first start in 1992?

"It's going to take a lot of pressure off me," said Handy, who completed 13 of 20 passes for 91 yards for the Black team. "We're going to be able to keep the defense on their heels. Last year, they knew what we were going to do."

Smith said he believed the team had made lengthy strides during spring practice. And the players left camp exuberant about their chances of giving MU its first winning season since 1983. The glass is not only half full, it's brimming over.

"We're going to let the glass fill itself up on hard work and a good summer and we're going to come in thirsty," senior defensive end Damon Simon said.

the bigger players in the Big Eight," Smith said.

The secondary is talented, experienced, and deep. Smith considers it second to linebacking among the team's assets. Probable starters are rambling, gambling senior Andre White, senior Kevin McIntosh, senior Jerome Madison, and sophomore flash Clayton Baker. But seniors Jerry Wooden and Montana Waggoner, junior Bo Adams, sophomore Derrick Miller, and sophomore Demonie Cross all could have significant roles.

Offensively, Smith's immediate goal is to restore the run to MU's attack. "Gym-short, one-back" football is out; the "I" and split backs are in. Although Smith notes that MU isn't blessed with speed, he doesn't believe the Tigers are devoid of talent. Senior tailback Joe Freeman, for instance, rushed for 100 yards in three successive games last season — the first MU player to do so since 1978.

"He's the kind of back, if he can stay healthy and he is ready to go every week, I see no reason why he shouldn't break 1,000 yards," Smith said.

Senior fullback Michael Washington, 260 pounds, is recovering from knee surgery but is expected to make a full recovery. With a few steps of momentum, he is painful to potential tacklers.

Redshirt freshman tailback Felix Lindsey, though, may be the best back Missouri has. Lindsey, 6-1, 210, rushed for more than 160 yards in one spring scrimmage and some believe he will overtake Freeman.

"He's a physical back, and he's got tremendous balance," Smith said. "You watch — people have a hard time knocking him down. He just hits and rolls and bounces."

Junior Antwan Johnson and freshman Rhino Janes will be behind Washington. Versatile sophomore Greg Smith, son of NFL Hall of Famer Jackie Smith, will play at tailback and fullback and figures to be a focal point when MU does turn to one-back sets.

Jeff Handy returns at quarterback, where he is on the verge of breaking every Missouri and several Big Eight records. Handy, a senior, also is smart and an excellent leader. He appeared in the spring to have almost fully recovered from a broken ankle.

Offensively, Smith's immediate goal is to restore the run to MU's attack. "Gym-short, one-back" football is out; the "I" and split backs are in.

"He's a guy who can do the things we're asking him to do," Smith said. "He can throw from the pocket, he's an excellent play-action passer, and he's got enough mobility for us to move the pocket around to our different launch points. He's got good vision, can see the field, can find his receivers, and has good strength in his arm."

Backing up Handy will be sophomore Brandon Corso, who has similar traits, but has played sparingly. Redshirt freshman Mitch Alvarado has the strongest arm of the three.

Just two pesky problems then: Who will block for Handy, and who will catch his passes? The offensive line returns just one starter, O'Neil. And though Smith is pleased with receiver Brian Saltee, who caught 34 passes and played two games at quarterback after Handy was hurt last season, he says his receiving corps is his greatest concern.

"We're very average," Smith said.

Sophomore Rahsetnu Jenkins is the most likely candidate to help replace career leading receiver Kenny Holly. Junior Frank Jones has tremendous speed, but his hands haven't kept pace. So much for the good news.

"After that, I don't think we have anybody that right now is ready to go in a game," Smith said.

Sophomores Lou Shepherd and Kyle Black, whom Smith says has the best hands on the team, could find themselves in the thick of matters if they report to fall camp in better condition than they did in the spring.

MU also has a glaring gap at tight end, where A.J. Ofodile opted to come out for the NFL draft after catching a Big Eight tight end record 55 passes last season. Sophomore Bill Lingerfelt appears to have won the job, and Smith considers him as good a blocker as any he expects to face.

Lingerfelt's competition primarily is in three players moved to the position in Ofodile's wake: Juniors Vic Faust and Mark Alnutt and freshman Darren Saltee. Junior college transfer Miguel Gonzalez may help when he reports. But...

"What we don't have in this group, and we can't find it and we're not going to have, is the pass-receiving ability we had when A.J. was here last year,"

Smith said. "So we're going to have to re-do our offense where we can still throw to our tight ends but maybe not the same type of routes, because we don't have the speed."

O'Neil, who started for the first time last season, is the best in a group of unseasoned linemen. Smith sees potential, but is only cautiously optimistic about the unit coming together quickly.

"We're as strong as any offensive line; physical-size wise, we've got size," he said. "I'd maybe like to be a little more athletic. But we will do what we can do up there."

Senior Rafe Parsons (6-5, 303) probably will start at right guard but must master pass-blocking. Junior Tim Keith (6-8, 288) will play right tackle along with juco transfer Chris Buck (6-6, 290). Junior Matt Dowil (6-6, 270) probably will start inside O'Neil (6-6, 260).

Sophomore Russ Appel (238) and Chris Barrows (272) may share time at center, but Barrows is capable of playing guard and may play there, too.

"You'd have to figure those two guys are definitely two of our top five or six offensive linemen," Smith said.

Junior Scott Shedden (6-6, 271) also may be in the mix.

Smith, a fiend for special teams play, said he believes defensive back Baker could be a game-breaking returner. Baker and Jenkins will get the emphasis in the return game. Senior Kyle Pooler is the top punter and kicker, but Smith prefers to split those duties, which may leave room for sophomore John Norris to take on kicking chores. □

**"You
have
failed,"**

Southern Cal told Larry Smith
after the 1992 football season.

What the school termed
"a general erosion of confi-
dence" in Smith came to its
nadir when USC lost to Fresno

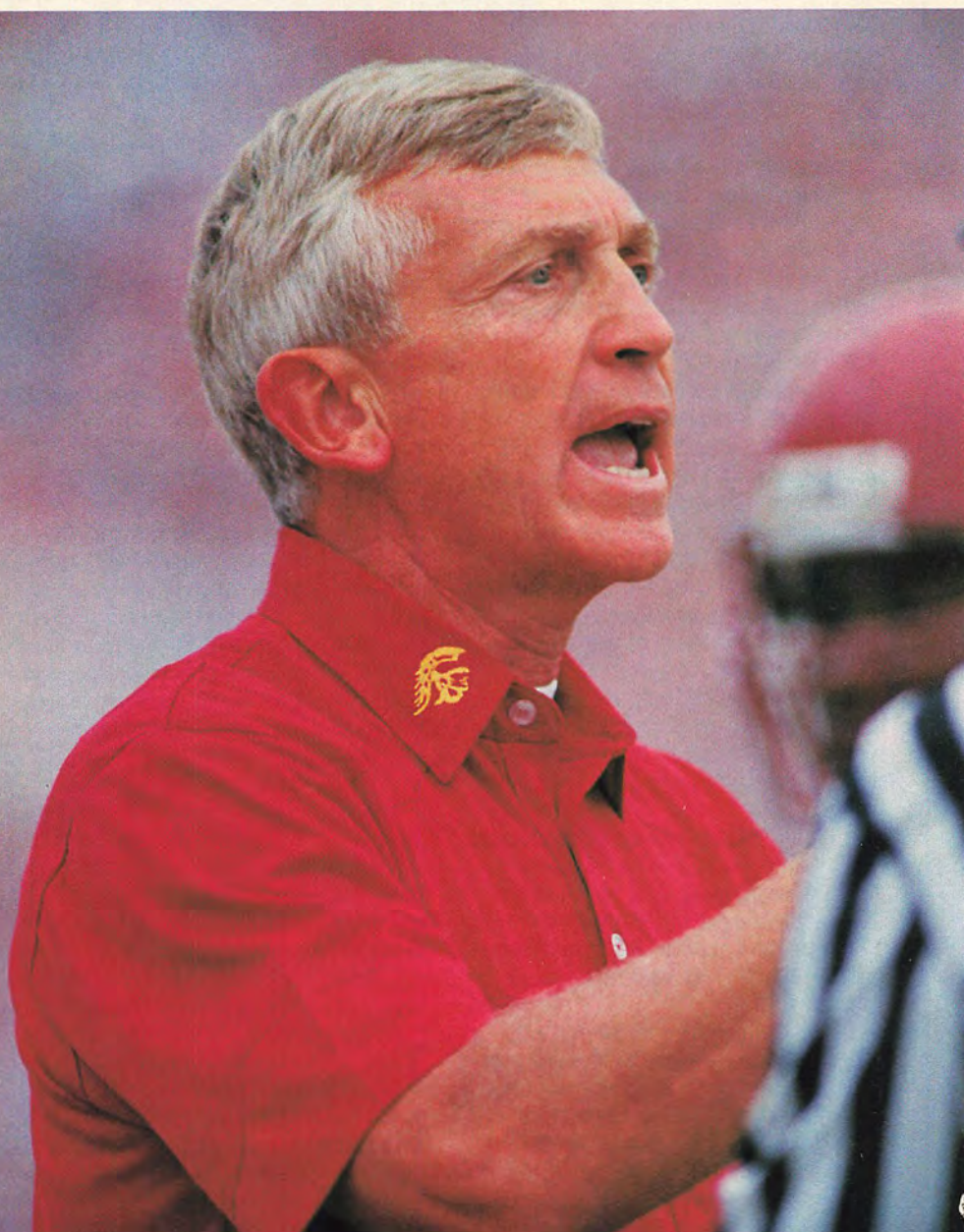
State 24-7 in the Freedom
Bowl. By the end, it was plain
even to Smith that the environ-
ment at USC no longer was
conducive to his own good
health. Perhaps it never was.

"I made a drastic mistake
when I went to USC," said

RE-ENERGIZED SMITH TAKES TIGER REINS

Vows to Turn Program Around

By Vahe Gregorian



Smith, hired in December by the University of Missouri. "I went on a show, and I said, 'Southern Cal.' They hate to be called Southern Cal."

With a laugh, he added, "That's what I call them now."

Smith had encountered obstacles before but usually had the savvy to plow through or wriggle around them. How else could he have injected life into a moribund Tulane program, resuscitated gasping Arizona, and guided USC to three Rose Bowls?

So Smith, now 54, had dared to suppose he might make it through his coaching career unscathed. He initially was jarred by his firing, as would attest those who saw him weep through a press conference he called to make it known he had not resigned but had been terminated.

Job offers promptly were dangled before him, but Smith, disillusioned, had no interest. Wondering whether he wanted to coach again, Smith and his wife, Cheryl, decided to take what he

called a sabbatical. They planned a 9,500-mile drive through New England for October.

"It was time to go around and smell the roses a little bit," Smith said.

Or, actually, to see the leaves.

"I didn't know leaves changed," Smith said. "I'm from Ohio, but I was always playing football and I never really noticed all those colors."

By the time they embarked on the trip, Smith's wounds had begun to heal. On the first Saturday of football season, he already was yearning for the game that had consumed him for 40 autumns.

"He went out and played golf, got a haircut, washed the car — anything to keep busy," Cheryl Smith said. "At the end of the day, I said, 'Are you all right?'"

"He said, 'Not really. You know when you have a bad dream, and you keep thinking you're rushing to get someplace? And you're hurrying the whole time, and then you get there

and it's over? That's how I feel. I feel like I need to be getting someplace, and I can't get there.'"

By the end of their trip, which included visits to Civil War battlefields and a bicycle accident that broke Cheryl's leg, Smith's passion to coach had been fully rekindled. But he also remained sobered by the traumatic twists at USC, where, in retrospect, the job seemed to be rigged against him:

- Smith had been the first coach without a USC background to be hired there since Howard Jones in 1925, and prominent alumni such as O.J. Simpson and Pat Haden had been steamed from the day Smith was hired over longtime USC assistant coach Dave Levy.

- Smith recognized that he had made mistakes, too. One he wasn't going to make again was to take the wrong job.

Enter the University of Missouri, the only Division I-A football school in the state, considered by many a slumbering giant. For the last decade of losing seasons, though, Missouri had been a lumbering giant. Its 30-76-4 record in that span was the worst in the Big Eight Conference, and when Bob Stull resigned after the season, he became the fourth successive Tiger coach to be nudged out.

So when Smith interviewed over a weekend in Columbia, he came equipped with pages of questions about the job. He got the right answers, evidently: He went home carrying game film from the 1993 season, eager to study the team. Days later, when he was introduced as MU's new coach, Smith stunned several players by referring to them by name.

That was one of many early examples of Smith seeming to have an uncanny understanding of what Missouri — and victory-parched Missouri fans — were looking for.

"I just can't believe that Missouri isn't going to blossom here pretty soon with him," said Bo Schembechler, the former Michigan coach who gave Smith his first two collegiate coaching jobs.

Smith, who now calls the USC firing the best thing that ever happened to him, says he looks at a glass half-full instead of half-empty. That enthusiasm was an immediate hit.

Stull, a hot commodity when he had been hired five years before, was perceived as aloof by MU fans. They never embraced his reliance on the passing game and grew increasingly mutinous as Missouri suffered lopsided defeat after lopsided defeat without appearing to make adjustments. A 73-0 loss at Texas A&M in the second game of the 1993 season probably ensured Stull's demise.

By contrast, Smith showed more emotion in his first press conference at MU than Stull ever publicly displayed. Five times, Smith paused as tears welled in his eyes and his voice quivered. He vowed his Missouri teams would "bloody noses" on the field, seal the state's recruiting borders, set out to win immediately, and get grass back on Faurot Field — issues dear to the old-school, Show-Me State fans.

"Football is a simple game," he said. "We've got all these young passing gurus walking around the country, playing what I call 'one-back, gym-short' football. Let's line up and play men's football. Two backs in the backfield. Knock the living daylight out of the guy in front of you."

Much of Smith's approach to football was formed in his hometown of Van Wert, Ohio, briefly at West Point, and then under the tutelage of coaches such as Schembechler and Jim Young.

Raised to be independent, Smith had a paper route when he was 9, was paying for his own clothes by the time he was 12, and spent high school summers loading 45-pound



cement blocks. His bent nose is testimony to the fact that he played before the snazzy new concept of the facemask was introduced. From the time he began playing seventh-grade football until his senior year at Bowling Green, Smith never played in a losing football game.

The first apparent failure he faced was at West Point, where he was placed on academic probation after sputtering in a Spanish class his first year there. He didn't return for a second year, but the U.S. Military Academy nevertheless influenced him greatly.

For two years, he made a habit of saying, "Yes, sir" — to his mother. And his table manners were dramatically improved.

"I'd sit up and say, 'Pass the potatoes, please, sir,'" he recalled. "My dad would say, 'You don't have to call me sir; I'm

Smith now calls the USC firing the best thing that ever happened to him.

your dad. Here's your mashed potatoes."

Smith transferred to Bowling Green and upon graduation was offered a head coaching job at Lima (Ohio) Shawnee High, where he had voluntarily helped Young coach in the summers. The job was all-consuming to Smith, who

also taught math. Since he was young and unmarried, he said he spent 24 hours a day at the school. His summer job? Mowing the fields and keeping them watered, fertilized, and thatched.

"In fact, the first date I ever had with my wife, in the middle of the date, I said, 'C'mon, we've got work to do,'" Smith said. "And at 12 o'clock on a Saturday night, she's out there pulling hoses around so I could change my watering schedule."

In his third year, Smith's team went 10-0 and allowed one touchdown all season. The next year, Smith joined Schembechler's staff at Miami of Ohio on the recommendation of Young. The gruff Schembechler wasn't instantly taken with his new linebackers coach.

"The first time Bo clicked on a film of our practice, he said, 'What in the hell is going on with the outside linebackers?'" Smith said.

But Schembechler grew to admire Smith's energy and knowledge and took him along to Michigan. After Schembechler suffered a heart attack before the 1970 Rose Bowl, in fact, it was Larry and Cheryl Smith he entrusted to move into his house and take care of his four children for three months.

A year later, Young left for Arizona and took Smith as his defensive coordinator. Smith's reputation spread, and he was named head coach at Tulane in 1976. The early days were grueling, but the Green Wave went from 2-9 to 3-8 to 4-7 to 9-3 and a Liberty Bowl berth in 1979.

The next year, Smith took over at Arizona. The Wildcats went 5-6 his first season but improved each year under Smith, who directed them to six successive winning seasons for the first time since the 1920s. The Wildcats made a habit of upsetting national powerhouses, such as USC, and beat rival Arizona State five out of seven times.

USC beckoned, then spit out Smith, who is leaving less to chance these days.

At his first MU news conference, Smith smiled and asked, "Should I say Missouri, or Missourah?" □

WHEN LARRY SMITH WAS INTRODUCED AS MISSOURI'S NEW HEAD COACH, HE STUNNED SEVERAL PLAYERS BY REFERRING TO THEM BY NAME.

PHOTO BY JOHN WILLIAMSON



MIZZOU STAFF LONG ON EXPERIENCE

Philosophically, Missouri football coach Larry Smith favors a staff of equal parts brassy youth and sage veteran.

But he may have outdone himself at Mizzou, where his young lions are balanced by virtual gray panthers.

Offensive coordinator Jerry Berndt is 56. Defensive coordinator Moe Ankney is 52. And assistant head coach Skip Hall is 50.

"There's no substitute for having been around the block," said Hall, one of two coaches retained from Bob Stull's regime.

But age isn't the only common denominator among the venerable assistants. Each has Division I head coaching experience (Hall's at Division I-AA Boise State). Including Smith, in fact, the staff has 42 years head coaching experience.

Being surrounded by that quality brings Smith security.

"The job has jumped in so many directions that when you walk out, you want to leave it in capable hands," he said.

Said Berndt: "Sometimes an assistant doesn't understand all that has to be done since he hasn't done it before."

And the situation in turn has given his assistants peace of mind.

"The buck kind of slows down when it goes by my desk, but it stops with him," Hall said, with a laugh. "There's some days when it's kind of nice not to be the boss."

Of course, there might be days when a little more clout would be desirable.

"Like when the offense bogs down and my neck's in the noose," Berndt said, laughing.

Of the three, Berndt achieved the highest head-coaching profile. In his last four years at Pennsylvania, he guided the Quakers to a 29-9-2 record and four successive Ivy League championships. He then began to stir a dormant program at Rice before making an ill-fated decision to return to Philadelphia and take the Temple job in 1989.

Before going to Temple, where he went 11-33 and was dismissed messily in 1992, the idea that Berndt would be an assistant again would have seemed preposterous.

"He probably would have been a candidate for the head job here," Smith said.

But Berndt says that returning to an assistant's role after 15 years as a head coach hasn't been a burden. He suspects his first game day may be different, but not radically so.

"To be honest, I'm having a lot more fun than I've had for a long time," Berndt said. "I'm able to get back to the brass tacks of football."

Berndt, like Smith, is a Bowling Green graduate.

"Larry's ideas and feelings about football and people are very similar to mine," he said. "I was very selective."

When it came to Ankney, who coached Bowling Green for five years before

being ousted in 1990, Smith obviously was selective, too. Ankney helped fashion Smith's defenses at Tulane and Arizona. He resigned as defensive coordinator at Purdue during the 1993 season, so he was readily available when Smith was hired. Ankney was introduced as MU's defensive coordinator the day Smith was named coach.

Hall had been an assistant head coach under Don James at Washington before going to Boise State. There, in 1991, his team won a school-record 10 games, led the nation in rushing defense, and advanced to the Division I-AA semifinal game. But Hall resigned under pressure after going 5-6 in 1992.

Hall joined Stull's staff the following spring and was asked to stay on by Smith, a long-time associate.

"Getting quality people and experienced people is really important," Hall said. "You need to put your staff together with the right chemistry."

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IOWA STATE CYCLONES

DEFENSIVE IMPROVEMENT A CYCLONE MUST

By Al Hall



Iowa State coach Jim Walden doesn't have to defend the move he made to the triple-option two seasons ago. The scheme has worked in Ames, where the Cyclones had tremendous success rushing the ball last season.

But defending his team's defense is another matter. A lack of consistency on defense was one of the main factors in another disappointing campaign.

After a 3-8 season, everyone around the Iowa State program is hungry for a winner.

So in the off-season, there was some shifting of staff responsibilities and the Cyclones changed their look on the defensive side of the ball.

Those moves, and the experienced squad Walden has longed for, have the coach in an upbeat mood entering his eighth season.

But hopes have been high at Iowa State before, and disappointment has become the norm in a program where climbing the mountain has been a bumpy ride.

If this is to be the year Iowa State makes its move to the upper division — and Walden firmly believes that can happen — skill, experience, and philosophy must finally come together.

But Walden knows there's another element involved, one of which the Cyclones seem to have little. And that's luck.

"I think we've reached the point where we can beat anybody on a given day," Walden said. "Just how many wins we'll have is dependent on a lot of things, like injuries and luck."

ONE OF JUST SIX TRUE FRESHMAN QUARTERBACKS TO START IN DIVISION 1-A NATIONALLY, TODD DOXZON RUSHED FOR 327 YARDS AND PASSED FOR 185 YARDS AND TWO TOUCHDOWNS.

PHOTO BY DENNIS HUBBARD

"We have the talent and the right mental attitude to succeed."

It's not like the Cyclones have gone without encouraging moments. Their major surprise last fall was a 27-23 win over Kansas State in which they shattered the Wildcats with 222 yards rushing (K-State had been giving up just 170 rushing yards a game).

Even the defense, which ranked 101st nationally against the rush a year ago, had its moments. For example, Oklahoma State had just 64 rushing yards in the second half of a game the Cyclones won 20-17, and Kansas State was 124 yards below its season average with 248 against the Cyclones.

IOWA STATE AT A GLANCE

Team Strengths: The offense in general and the running game in particular. Calvin Branch is an honors candidate at halfback. This is an experienced unit, including a big, strong line led by center Tony Booth. Experienced linebackers could key the defense.

Possible Weaknesses: All eyes will be on the defense which was 101st in the country against the rush last season. Last year, the Cyclones committed 26 turnovers and that must improve. As a team, consistency has been a problem and that, too, must improve.

Key Losses: Lamont Hill, SE; Doug Skartvedt, OT; Bob Utter, QB; Kevin Lazard, CB; James McMillion, KR.

Players to Watch: Calvin Branch, HB; Artis Garriss, HB; Todd Doxzon, QB; Tony Booth, C; Ty Stewart, PK; Jeff Cole, LB; Kevin Fulton, SS.

Again, then, it will be consistency the Cyclones crave, on both sides of the ball.

They'll be trying to improve those defensive numbers, and they'll need to cut down on the 26 turnovers they committed in 1993.

On paper, Iowa State has what it takes to reverse its recent fortunes. Walden greets nine returning starters on offense, 10 on defense.

The Cyclones ranked 11th nationally with 242.5 rushing yards a game and maturation should only help the deep group of returning runners.

"The ponies have become stallions," Walden said.

And Walden is comfortable with several of his quarterbacks, including returning starter Todd Doxzon.

The offense and the kicking game are known quantities, and qualities.

Senior place-kicker Ty Stewart was all-Big Eight after connecting on 11 of 15 field goals, including a pair of 58-yarders. Walk-on punter Marc Harris averaged 42.9 yards on 20 kicks after winning the job in the second half of the season.

"Stewart is one of the best in the country," Walden said. "In the second half of the season, Harris was as good as anyone. I feel good about our kicking game with those two."

So the big question mark remains the defense, although there are plenty of veteran players on hand who could turn that situation around this fall.

"There is no reason we shouldn't be good on defense," Walden said. "The greatest thing you can have happen is to look out there and see 20 fifth-year seniors that you feel are talented. You can start with the defensive line."

Up front is where the primary shift of defensive philosophy will be noticed, although it's nothing drastic. "We're

SPRING ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	Ht.	Wt.	HOMETOWN	NO.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	Ht.	Wt.	HOMETOWN
49	Marcus Allen	OLB	Sr.	6-3	198	Des Moines	29	Cedric Linwood	DB	Sr.	5-10	187	Houston, TX
28	Jahi Arnold	RB	Fr.	5-9	170	Downey, CA	79	Ed Machin	OL	Fr.	6-6	246	Newton
29	Jason Bales	FB	Fr.	6-0	199	Hinton	58	Eric Martin	LB	Fr.	6-0	210	Cedar Rapids
55	J.D. Bewley	LB	Sr.	6-2	235	La Mesa, CA	86	Ivory Mhoon	WR	Sr.	5-7	165	Davenport
64	Chris Blohm	OL	So.	6-2	233	Princeton, IL	35	Tendai Muyengwa	FB	Fr.	6-0	183	Ames
73	Tony Booth	OL	Sr.	6-3	293	Palo	91	Sheldon Napastuk	DL	So.	6-5	266	N. Battleford, Sask.
8	Greg Boyd	DB	So.	6-0	193	Lincoln Park, MI	45	Matt Nitchie	OLB	Sr.	6-2	212	Lincoln, NE
25	Calvin Branch	RB	Jr.	5-11	189	Spring, TX	6	Graston Norris	RB	Jr.	5-8	176	Houston, TX
85	James Brooks	WR	Sr.	5-11	175	Houston, TX	37	Brad Patrick	RB/WR	Fr.	5-11	160	Lisle, IL
23	Jason Brown	DB	So.	5-11	177	Chicago, IL	70	Troy Petersen	DL	Sr.	6-5	280	Davenport
3	Joe Bryant	DB	So.	5-9	186	St. Louis, MO	40	Angelo Provenza	LB	Jr.	6-1	226	Aurora, CO
13	Bobby Campbell	DB	Sr.	6-1	199	Hanover Park, IL	61	Jason Putz	DT	Jr.	6-3	253	Farley
57	Nick Clausen	DL	Sr.	6-5	255	Holstein	74	Doug Ragaller	OL	Sr.	6-1	262	Vail
46	Jeff Cole	LB	Sr.	6-2	233	West Des Moines	25	Matt Rahfeldt	OL	Fr.	6-4	255	Ames
38	Michael Cooper	DB	Fr.	6-1	182	Omaha, NE	32	Preston Rhamy	RB	Fr.	5-8	164	Avoca
78	Jeramy Dingeman	DL	Fr.	5-11	189	Pella	10	Tracy Rial	DB	Jr.	6-0	182	Burnside
83	Dan Dostal	TE	Sr.	6-5	246	Gretna, NE	63	Dale Rowley	OL	Jr.	5-11	218	Knoxville
4	Todd Doxzon	QB	So.	6-0	167	Omaha, NE	97	Rudy Ruffalo	DL	Fr.	6-4	235	Kenosha, WI
43	Seth Drenner	OLB	Fr.	6-2	200	Cedar Falls	92	Matt Rysavy	TE	Fr.	6-1	221	Omaha
14	Robby Duncan	QB	Fr.	6-1	175	Kenner, LA	78	Mike Sakalas	OL	So.	6-3	243	Warren, MI
48	Jeremy Earp	WR	Fr.	6-1	190	LaCrosse, WI	50	Tim Sanders	LB	So.	6-0	209	Chicago, IL
54	Doug Easley	OL	So.	6-2	254	Earlham	90	Greg Schoon	DL	Fr.	6-4	227	Sioux Rapids
98	Kevin Fleecs	DL	Jr.	6-3	239	Hershey, NE	48	Scott Schulz	DL	Sr.	6-4	244	Palatine
36	Kevin Fulton	DB	Sr.	6-1	201	Benbrook, TX	92	Anthony Scott	DL	Sr.	6-4	240	Alton, IL
22	Artis Garris	RB	So.	5-9	191	Bellevue, NE	82	Paul Skartvedt	TE	So.	6-2	223	Radcliffe
26	Brandon Goodyk	DB	Fr.	6-0	180	Pella	68	Brad Smith	DL	So.	6-4	268	Marcus
22	Rodney Guggenheim	FB	So.	5-10	195	Kenner, LA	35	Jeff Soucie	FB	So.	5-10	189	Hastings
77	Bryan Guill	DL	Fr.	6-2	225	Council Bluffs	24	Mike Sparks	FB	Sr.	5-10	193	Newton
27	Daryl Hall	DB	So.	5-7	171	Florissant, MO	44	B.J. Spyksma	DL	Jr.	6-3	229	Grimes
32	Weylan Harding	DB	Sr.	5-10	190	Spring, TX	3	Jeff St. Clair	QB	So.	6-1	184	Bettendorf
94	Marc Harris	P-PK	So.	5-11	182	Omaha, NE	2	Ty Stewart	PK	Sr.	5-11	178	Omaha, NE
51	Byron Heitz	OL	Jr.	6-5	298	Farley	11	Matt Straight	DB	Jr.	5-11	191	Logan
80	Jerome Henry	WR	Fr.	6-0	162	Los Angeles, CA	41	Clint Thomas	OLB	So.	6-2	212	Rock Port, MO
88	Mickal Horacek	WR	Jr.	6-1	193	Omaha, NE	52	Jim Thompson	OL	Sr.	6-4	265	Waverly, NE
10	Bret "Scooter" Huber	FB	Fr.	5-11	200	Omaha, NE	47	Gabe Toft	OLB	So.	6-1	226	Royal
7	Russell Johnson	DB	So.	5-10	167	Houston, TX	39	Geoff Turner	RB	Fr.	5-8	175	Urbandale
26	Jim Knott	RB	Sr.	6-0	210	Crescent	71	Kenneth Vacek	OL	So.	6-3	271	Grand Island, NE
77	Tim Kohn	OL	So.	6-5	280	Wadsworth	12	Clinton Wallace	QB	Fr.	6-1	173	Rosenberg, TX
62	James Kolbet	OLB	Fr.	5-11	199	Hastings, NE	54	Glenn Waterhouse	LB	Jr.	6-0	218	Boudurant
60	Mark Knopka	OL	Jr.	6-2	289	Sterling Heights, MI	25	Jamal Webster	DB	Fr.	5-9	170	Downey, CA
18	Ron Landphair	DB	So.	5-10	168	Redding	69	Brian Wilkinson	OL	Sr.	6-6	294	Omaha, NE
89	Kurt Levetzow	DL	Fr.	6-6	225	Sabula	31	Tracy Williams	DB	Fr.	6-0	185	Spring, TX
42	Marc Lillibridge	OLB	Sr.	6-1	210	Marion	72	Kyle York	OL	Fr.	6-6	260	Springfield, NE
20	Mike Lincavage	DB	So.	5-11	193	Chatsworth, CA							

CYCLONES STATISTICS

PASSING

NAME	ATT	COMP	YARDS	PCT	TD	INT
Utter	105	60	893	57.1	6	9
Doxzon	22	11	185	50.0	2	1

RUSHING

NAME	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	TD
C. Branch	84	478	5.7	46	2
Utter	99	383	3.9	50	4
Ulrich	79	336	4.3	27	1

RECEIVING

NAME	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	TD
Hill	15	195	13.0	30	0
Branch	16	350	21.9	72	4
Horacek	10	150	15.0	46	1
Hughes	10	132	13.2	28	0

TACKLES

Cole (123), Fulton (112), Lindwood (105),
Harding (74), Sanders (67),
Nitchie (65), Lillibridge (53)

INTERCEPTIONS

Lazard (2), Brown (1), Linwood (1),
Cole (1), Sanders (1)

COACH: JIM WALDEN

28-47-2, 7 years

1993 Record: 2-5/7th; 3-8-0 overall

Stadium: Cyclone Stadium (50,000)

CYCLONES OFFENSE

NUMBER	QUARTERBACK	YEAR
4	Todd Doxzon*	Sophomore
14	Robby Duncan	Freshman
NUMBER	FULLBACK	YEAR
26	Jim Knott	Senior
22	Rodney Guggenheim*	Sophomore
NUMBER	HALFBACK	YEAR
25	Calvin Branch*	Junior
6	Graston Norris	Junior
NUMBER	SPLIT END	YEAR
85	James Brooks*	Senior
86	Ivory Mhoon	Senior
NUMBER	SPLIT END	YEAR
88	Mike Horacek*	Junior
37	Brad Patrick	Freshman
NUMBER	TIGHT END	YEAR
83	Dan Dostal*	Junior
92	Matt Rysavy	Freshman
NUMBER	LEFT TACKLE	YEAR
77	Tim Kohn	Sophomore
51	Byron Heitz	Junior
NUMBER	LEFT GUARD	YEAR
52	Jim Thompson*	Senior
74	Doug Ragaller	Senior
NUMBER	CENTER	YEAR
73	Tony Booth*	Senior
64	Chris Blohm	Sophomore
NUMBER	RIGHT GUARD	YEAR
60	Mark Knopka*	Junior
68	Brad Smith	Sophomore
NUMBER	RIGHT TACKLE	YEAR
69	Brian Wilkinson	Senior
79	Ed Machin	Freshman

*Returning starter

CYCLONES DEFENSE

NUMBER	LEFT DEFENSIVE END	YEAR
92	Anthony Scott*	Senior
61	Jason Putz	Junior
NUMBER	LEFT DEFENSIVE TACKLE	YEAR
57	Nick Clausen	Senior
91	Sheldon Napastuk	Sophomore
NUMBER	NOSE GUARD	YEAR
70	Troy Petersen*	Senior
98	Kevin Fleecs	Junior
NUMBER	RIGHT DEFENSIVE END	YEAR
48	Scott Schulz	Senior
44	B.J. Spyksma	Sophomore
NUMBER	OUTSIDE LINEBACKER	YEAR
49	Marcus Allen*	Senior
42	Marc Lillibridge	Senior
NUMBER	INSIDE LINEBACKER	YEAR
46	Jeff Cole*	Senior
50	Tim Sanders	Sophomore
NUMBER	INSIDE LINEBACKER	YEAR
45	Matt Nitchie*	Senior
41	Clint Thomas	Sophomore
NUMBER	LEFT CORNERBACK	YEAR
32	Weylan Harding*	Senior
27	Daryl Hall	Sophomore
NUMBER	RIGHT CORNERBACK	YEAR
23	Jason Brown	Sophomore
7	Russell Johnson	Sophomore
NUMBER	STRONG SAFETY	YEAR
36	Kevin Fulton*	Senior
11	Matt Straight	Junior
NUMBER	FREE SAFETY	YEAR
29	Cedric Linwood*	Senior
20	Mike Lincavage	Sophomore

doing a lot of the same things, but we've changed how we're going to do it," Walden explained. "We're still going to be a four-front team, but instead of playing four linemen, one of the guys is going to be like Lawrence Taylor, a rush end."

While there are probably no Lawrence Taylors in the Cyclone camp, a trio of fifth-year seniors give Iowa State a good group with which to start.

Nose tackle Troy Petersen is a two-time second-team All-Big Eight selection. He had 127 tackles the past two seasons, even though he played most of last season on a gimpy ankle.

Ends Anthony Scott and Scott Schulz recorded 47 and 44 tackles, respectively, last season. Similar experience in the linebacking corps means that might be a team strength.

Jeff Cole led the team with 123 tackles last year and has 214 career stops. Marcus Allen made 37 stops in the last four games of 1993. Matt Nitchie is a three-year starter who has 131 tackles over the last two seasons.

Senior Marc Lil-bridge and sophomore Tim Sanders are backups who saw extensive action a year ago.

"They're bigger, they're stronger, and they're faster than any group we've had here," Walden said. "They look like Big Eight linebackers.

We should have a good linebacking crew."

Iowa State got surprisingly steady play from a basically unknown secondary last season, and two-time all-conference player Kevin Fulton is back to anchor the ISU defense.

Fulton is a hitter who is on track to become one of the school's all-time tackle

leaders. He had 112 stops a year ago, improving his career total to 235.

Free safety Cedric Linwood and cornerback Weylan Harding both earned league honorable mention honors. Linwood, a non-letterman in 1992, made 105 tackles last season.

"This past year, I thought our secondary was our shining light," Walden said. "I thought they played as good as any secondary that I've coached.

Secondary coach Jimmy Burrow and special teams coach Jon Fabris will share the duties this fall.

Arnie Romero moves from tight end coach to outside linebackers, Fabris from outside linebackers to inside linebackers, and Craig Boller takes charge of the defensive line after coaching just the ends last season.

Along with cutting down on turnovers, the Cyclones will look to sharpen the passing game.

A bit more balance from the Cyclones could mean trouble for their opponents.

"We need to throw the ball better, become more proficient," Walden said.

Even in a schedule that included some of the top defenses in the country, the Cyclones rushed for 2,667 yards, the second-best total in school history.

Even though veteran Bobby Utter will not return, Walden is excited about Iowa State's prospects at quarterback.

Utter, the second-ranked passer in Iowa State history, decided not to return because he has experienced recurring headaches since suffering two concussions in 1992.

But Doxzon, Todd Duncan, Jeff St. Clair, Clinton Wallace, and freshman Corey Lambert all have the talent to

pull the trigger in the Cyclones' triple-option attack.

"I think we have one experienced quarterback (Doxzon) returning, and he is a sophomore," Walden reflected. "Still, we're very calm about getting it done.

"In this system, it's not like the old days when you needed a Mark Rypien, who



FULLBACK RODNEY GUGGENHEIM HAD A SEASON HIGH 95 YARDS ON 11 CARRIES AGAINST OKLAHOMA.

PHOTO BY DENNIS HUBBARD

"With Linwood, Fulton, and Harding all returning, you have to say to yourself that this is a good unit. (Cornerback) Jason Brown will probably be the other starter back there and could be a great defensive back."

Defensive coordinator Robin Ross left for NAIA Division II Western Washington.

CYCLONES RECRUITING

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Dawson ANDERSON DB	5-9, 170	Hazel Crest, IL	Hillcrest
<i>Chicago Sun-Times</i> honorable mention All-Area... Had 738 yards rushing and 9.5 yard per carry average in 1993... Two-way All-Conference... Member of track team.			
Charlie BOGWILL DL	6-2, 280	Morris, IL	Morris
<i>Chicago Sun Times</i> first-team All-State... In 1993, had 84 tackles and recovered three fumbles... Two-time All-Conference... State qualifier in shot put.			
Mitchell BROCATO LB/TE	6-3, 245	Pearl River, LA	Pearl River
Second-team All-State... Two-way All-District... Had 55 solo tackles, 20 assists, two sacks, two fumble recoveries and an interception as a senior... Caught 35 passes for 300 yards and two scores... Chosen to play in Louisiana All-Star Game.			
Alphonso CARTER DL	6-2, 270	Scarborough, Ontario	West Hill
Two-time <i>Toronto Star</i> All-Star team... Three-year starter... Helped team to three conference titles.			
Leapher CASTLEBERRY DB	6-2, 190	Miami Springs, FL	Miami Springs
<i>Miami Herald</i> first-team All-County... Two-way starter... Scored nine touchdowns as a senior, including a punt return and an interception... Had four interceptions in 1993... Member of track team.			
Grant EVERETT OL	6-3, 270	Dugald, Manitoba	Winnipeg Collegiate
Manitoba Junior League All-Star team... Two-year starter on Canadian Rules team.			
Kyron FORGE OL	6-2, 250	Dallas, TX	Lincoln
<i>Dallas Morning News</i> second-team All-District... Honorable mention All-State... All-district first-team as junior and sophomore... Three-year letterman.			
Damian GIBSON DB	6-4, 200	Marathon, FL	Marathon
First-team All-District.			
Kevin HUDSON DB	6-0, 175	Miami, FL	South Dade
Had 40 tackles, five broken up passes and one interception as a senior... Helped team to state playoffs... Two-year starter... Averaged 15.3 yards per kick return... <i>Miami Herald</i> third-team All-County.			

NAME / POSITION	SIZE	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL / COLLEGE
Michael JONES NG	6-1, 250	Hialeah, FL	Miami Lakes
<i>Miami Herald</i> second-team All-State... Second-team All-Miami... As a senior, had 75 tackles, including 56 solo... Had three sacks and three fumble recoveries... Lettered in wrestling and track.			
Kipwana KING LB	6-0, 220	Fort Worth, TX	Arlington Heights
<i>Fort Worth Star Telegram</i> All-District... Three-year team Most Valuable Player... As a senior, played linebacker, nose guard and fullback... Had 27 solo tackles, 40 assists, two sacks and four fumble recoveries... Rushed for five touchdowns.			
Kemp KNIGHTON DB	6-0, 180	Hialeah, FL	Miami Lakes
<i>Miami Herald</i> All-Dade County... As a senior, had 46 tackles and three interceptions... Three-year letterman... Rushed for 316 yards and four touchdowns.			
Corey LAMBERT QB	5-11, 205	Marrero, LA	John Ehret
<i>New Orleans Times-Picayune</i> Top 25 list... As a senior, completed almost 60 percent of passes for 986 yards and 14 scores... Rushed for 816 yards and 17 touchdowns... As a junior, rushed for 18 touchdowns and threw for six scores, leading team to state semifinals... Had 70 career touchdowns and almost 5,000 total yards.			
Michael O'BRIEN DB	5-11, 175	Metairie, LA	Rummel
Honorable mention All-District... Three-year letterman at free safety... Four-year track letterman.			
Robert RICHARDSON QB	5-9, 165	Dallas, TX	Lincoln
All-City... All-District... Two-year starter... National Merit Scholar.			
Jim TUSO OL	6-3, 245	Kansas City, MO	Rockhurst
<i>Kansas City Star</i> second-team All-State... All-District... All-Metro... Helped team to state semifinals... Team captain... Three-year starter... Lettered three years in baseball, twice in basketball.			
Ed WILLIAMS WR	6-3, 190	Opa-Locka, FL	Hialeah
Started at quarterback as a senior, completed 50 percent of passes for 616 yards and seven touchdowns... Projected as receiver for Cyclones... All-Dade County... Honorable mention All-City... Three-year letterman... Member of track and basketball teams.			

SPRING UPDATE

Teams that have visited Ames for a late November game know the weather can be almost as frightening as coach Jim Walden's free wheeling offense.

Snowstorms aren't that unusual in Iowa as Thanksgiving approaches.

But the Cyclones got some unexpected practice for those late-season conditions when it snowed before the spring game on April 30. It was a miserable day as Walden closed the book on spring drills that produced a good feeling for the 1994 campaign.

"If we can get out of the chute early, this could be a real good team in the fall," Walden told reporters.

The adverse weather actually had little affect on the spring game. Walden held most of his seniors out of the game and concentrated on improving the Cyclones' depth. The game ended in a 7-7 tie.

Perhaps the best news of the spring is that Walden and his staff won't be looking for incoming freshmen to crack the lineup when the season opens.

A spirited three-way quarterback battle with returning starter Todd Doxzon, Robby Duncan, and Jeff St. Clair is expected to continue into the fall. All three per-

formed well during the spring game and Walden likes the skill and depth at the position.

The focal point during spring drills was defense and Walden said progress was made.

"Our defense has improved greatly, but it still has much to do," Walden said at the conclusion of the spring game.

Fullback Rodney Guggenheim led all rushers in the game with 51 yards on 10 carries. St. Clair added 44 yards on nine carries.

Duncan, who injured a knee in the 1993 season opener, received the top marks from Walden for his quarterbacking in the spring game.

"He's really starting to develop again," Walden said. "He knocked off a lot of rust. He went through some anxiety this spring. It took us six to eight practices to get Robby calmed down."

Duncan admitted it took a while to get going once spring drills began.

"The coaches told me not to worry about it," he explained. "I got a lot of confidence back late in practice."

had to have two years of experience before you can be ready. Doxzon and Duncan adjusted to this so fast last season. Doxzon showed you can be ready right now.

"This is the least nervous I've been about quarterback since 1989 when I had Bret Oberg and Chris Pedersen. This is the first time that we've had three or four guys who are front-line guys. This is an athletic system. You do things as an athlete, not so much as a quarterback."

One of just six true freshman quarterbacks to start in Division I-A nationally, Doxzon rushed for 327 yards and passed for 185 yards and two touchdowns.

Duncan, who led Doxzon in 1993 fall drills, was injured in the season opener. St. Clair, who probably will be redshirted, ran for 118 yards on 17 carries in a relief appearance against Colorado last fall.

Walden has more quality running backs than he has ever had at Iowa State. "They told me that when you run the triple-option, you'll get good running backs," he said. "So far, so good."

Junior Calvin Branch was Iowa State's leading rusher and receiver and ranked second in scoring. He averaged 5.7 yards per carry while piling up 828 all-purpose yards.

Artis Garris averaged a whopping 9.9 yards a carry before a knee injury ended his season in the third game. His full recovery certainly would help.

Junior Graston Norris and redshirt freshman speedster Geoff "White Rat" Turner also will see significant action.

"Collectively, this could be the best group of halfbacks I've ever had," Walden

said. "Branch is establishing himself as one of the front-line running backs in our conference."

One of the Cyclones' steadiest performers in recent years, Jim Knott, has moved from halfback to fullback where he'll share time with Rodney Guggenheim, who had 95 yards on 11 carries against Oklahoma.



TROY PETERSEN IS A TWO-TIME SECOND-TEAM ALL-BIG EIGHT SELECTION. HE HAD 127 TACKLES THE PAST TWO SEASONS, EVEN THOUGH HE PLAYED MOST OF LAST SEASON ON A GIMPY ANKLE.

PHOTO BY DENNIS HUBBARD

Split ends James Brooks and Mike Horacek are proven deep threats, and tight end Dan Dostal is an outstanding blocker ideally suited for the Cyclones' offensive scheme.

Iowa State loses third-team All-American tackle Doug Skartvedt, but the offensive line still looks good. Three-year starting center Tony Booth was the first offensive lineman in six years to earn the league's offensive Player of the Week honors following the upset of K-State. He joins returning starters Jim Thompson and Mark

Konopka at guard and tackle Brian Wilkinson.

Tim Kohn, a 6-5, 280-pound sophomore, is the heir apparent to Skartvedt's position.

"Skartvedt told me that Kohn is a better player as a sophomore than he was as a fourth-year junior," Walden said. "That is quite a statement when you consider how good Skartvedt was."

"It's a good feeling when you think you have as good an offensive line as you've ever had and you only lost one guy. Across the line, these guys have the size and talent to play in the Big Eight Conference."

If you get the idea Walden is excited about his offense, you're right.

"When we put this offense in two years ago, it was with the idea that in three years we would have a group of guys who know what we're doing," he said. "The good news is that the plan has worked."

"I think we showed we are going to be a pretty good offensive team with this offense. This will be our third spring with this offense, and we have a strong group of athletes who are truly familiar with what we are trying to do."

The Cyclones' non-conference schedule includes Division I-AA power Northern Iowa, traditional Big Ten power Iowa, Mid-American Conference runner-up Western Michigan, and Rice. □

TULSA

GOLDEN HURRICANE

GOLDEN HURRICANE FACES BIG CHALLENGE

By Ken MacLeod



No football team, particularly a small independent such as the University of Tulsa, can easily shrug off the loss of football players such as Chris Penn and Gus Frerotte.

Penn, who led the nation in both receiving yards per game (143.5) and receptions per game (9.6), was expected to be a high-round NFL draft choice, while Frerotte, the strong-armed quarterback who notched five 300-yard passing games in 1993, was expected to follow his predecessor T.J. Rubley into the pro game. Penn was a third-round pick of the Kansas City Chiefs, while Frerotte was selected by Washington in the seventh round.

Their absence will be felt dramatically by the Golden Hurricane in 1994.

Yet, even more telling than the loss of the star players may be the loss of an academic program.

Two years ago, the university phased out its Health, Physical Education and Recreation major. Since that time, head coach Dave Rader estimates that 10 to 12 players who expected to major in HPER have dropped out or transferred. Combine that with the graduation last year of a large number of junior college transfers signed in 1991 and Tulsa has just 20 scholarship players in its junior and senior classes combined.

"It's time to reload, rebuild, however you want to put it," Rader said. "We're under a different set of standards than we were in 1991. There was a change and there are consequences because of the change. We've got a couple of lean years coming as far as numbers of players in the upper classes.

"It gives some younger guys a great opportunity to play ... soon."

Even with Penn and Frerotte and a large senior class, Tulsa managed just a 4-6-1 record in 1993, a record that makes Rader and his staff wince with regret every time they think about how easily TU could have prevailed in losses to Iowa, Oklahoma State, and Cincinnati and in a 30-30 tie with Southern Mississippi. Iowa scored a touchdown and a 2-point conversion in the last minute.

Conservative play and the failure to convert potentially game-winning drives cost Tulsa against OSU and Cincinnati. A missed chip-shot field goal in the waning seconds let Southern Miss off the hook.

"We've thought about that all winter long," Rader said.

In spring and fall practices, however, Rader has turned his attention full bore to the 1994 season. He and his staff have earned a reputation for finding and developing NFL-caliber players, such as Detroit linebacker Tracy Scroggins, Minnesota linebacker Barry Minter, Penn, and Frerotte, that were not even offered scholarships to any other Division I school. However, with

the absence of HPER, those athletes may become harder to find.

"There's no doubt it's harder," Rader said. "This year could be the biggest challenge since we've been here. There's some good players out there, but some that will have to grow up and mature really fast."

For the first time in his seven seasons at Tulsa, Rader will begin the year with a quarterback without a smidgen of Division I experience. Redshirt sophomores Casey Borin and Troy DeGar are both quick, strong, and have good arms, although nothing like the cannons possessed by Rubley and Frerotte.

A back injury suffered lifting weights in the off-season limited Borin's time in spring drills, which may give DeGar the early nod. Both will probably be given a chance to take over the position this fall.

"This is the first time since I've been here that I didn't at least have a good hunch who the quarterback was going to be," Rader said. "Troy has a strong arm and he's shown more accuracy this spring. He and Casey are very similar athletically. We'll just see who can produce the best."

In Rader's six seasons at TU, he had a healthy All-American receiver during four of those seasons and TU's offense was tremendous. In 1990, when Dan Bitson was injured, and in 1992, when Penn sat out to improve his grades, the offense was very ordinary.

"Guys like that don't come along too often," Rader said. "We had Dan for a couple of years and Chris for a couple of years. In between there, we were adequate, but not as good. It will be interesting to see how we are now without one of those guys again."

TULSA AT A GLANCE

Team Strengths: Running backs, center, defensive line, secondary.

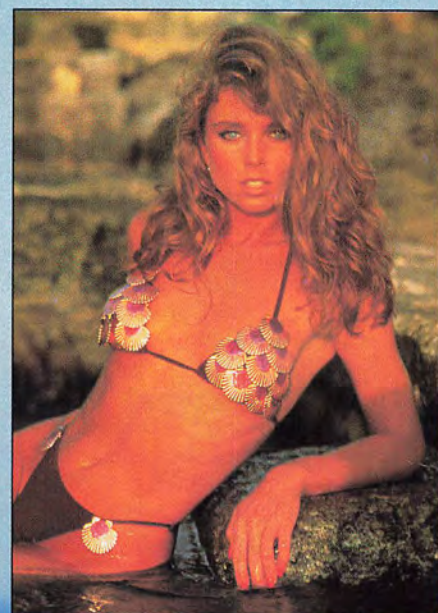
Possible Weaknesses: Overall team depth. Offensive line, linebackers.

Key Losses: Chris Penn, WR; Gus Frerotte, QB; Billy Cole, LB; Lamont Headd, TB; Dennis Hickey, FS.

Players to Watch: Solomon White, TB; Sedric Clark, DE; David Millwee, C; Wes Caswell, WR; Kenny Gunn, KR; Cory Lax, DT; Mike Haenzel, DB.

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The bulk of the receiving duties will rest with sophomore Wes Caswell and junior Michael Kedzior, both tough players with good hands who can catch the ball in traffic. Neither, however, is a proven game-breaker.

Even though he said Tulsa "didn't run the ball worth a flip," in 1993, Rader said he plans to stay mainly with the one-back set, taking advantage of a host of small, elusive tailbacks led by Solomon White and Kenny Gunn. White ran for 239 yards and scored six touchdowns in a reserve role, while Gunn had 714 all-purpose yards, including a TU record 524 yards on 21 kickoff returns.

Rader has high hopes for true freshmen Allen Blackmon of Flour Bluff, Texas, and Reggie Williams of Blytheville, Ark.

Perhaps the most remarkable feat of the 1993 season belonged to center David Millwee, who not only snapped every play during the season, but every play run by the first-team offense in both spring and fall practice.

"If the ball was snapped for our offense, he snapped it," Rader said. "That's an amazing record."

Not only is the 6-3, 266-pound junior a workhorse, he's talented. A solid blocker and highly intelligent, Millwee is a candidate for both Academic All-American and All-American honors.

The rest of the offensive line is a huge question mark. Actually, the only thing huge about the line is redshirt freshmen Michael Ruhl (6-7, 301) and Nick Ragusa (6-6, 339), who may push more experienced players out of their starting berths by midseason.

"Those two have the size and athletic ability to be really good," Rader said.

Tulsa returns starters Doug Pisula at tackle and Brian Newnam at guard and has a host of others with some experience.

"We have a conglomeration of guys and someone has to come out and produce," Rader said. "Our blocking has to be improved everywhere for our running game to pick up. Our receivers have to block better, our linemen have to block better, and our runners have to run better. The whole group has to pick up the pace."

The defensive outlook is not as uncertain, although injuries and grades kept three of TU's best defensive linemen out of spring practice. But if end

Sedric Clark overcomes a knee injury, tackle Cory Lax rebounds from a severe ankle injury, and junior college transfer Kraig Arthur is ready to contribute immediately, the line could be Tulsa's strongest position.

Coco Butler and Lance Sloan are both capable of starting at tackle. Sophomore Hank Schopfer started sev-

middle linebacker. None has significant experience.

Strong safety Mike Haenzel, who returned an interception for a touchdown against Houston, joins Kelly Houston and Jeremy Bunch to give Tulsa three experienced and capable safeties. Malcolm Williams, a junior college transfer with tremendous closing



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eral games at end as a redshirt freshman. Three players with immense potential are Mark Haberfield (6-4, 250), Beau Desherow (6-5, 220), and Sean O'Boyle (6-5, 232).

"All those kids have the kind of build you really like," Rader said.

The biggest question marks defensively are at linebacker. John Peters, a converted safety, will try to hold off Jody Sparks, a converted wide receiver, at one outside slot, while Floyd Goode, a two-year starter when healthy, is on the other side. Muadianvita Kazadi, Jay Patterson, and Andrew Bates, a converted defensive linemen, will rotate at

speed, should join returning starter Pat Denofrio as the starting cornerbacks.

Tulsa punter Mark Delozier averaged 38.6 yards per punt in 1993 and will be called on to bail the young offense out of trouble. Place-kicker Brandon Brister made 12 of 18 field goals in 1993, but was trailing redshirt freshman James Anderson for the starting spot in spring drills.

"It will definitely be an interesting year," said Rader, whose team starts the season at Missouri. "We've still got some talent out there. We've got sharp kids and they catch on well. It gives us a good feeling we can learn and execute." □

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